



Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes - April 2018 Update

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This MLN Matters Article is intended for physicians, providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The HCPCS code set is updated on a quarterly basis. Change Request (CR) 10454 informs MACs of the April 2018 updates of specific biosimilar biological product HCPCS code, modifiers used with these biosimilar biologic products and an autologous cellular immunotherapy treatment. Be sure your staffs are aware of these updates.

BACKGROUND

CR 10454 describes updates associated with the following biosimilar biological product HCPCS codes and modifiers. The April 2018 HCPCS file includes three new HCPCS codes: Q5103, Q5104, and Q2041 Also, the April 2018 HCPCS file includes a revision to the descriptor for HCPCS code Q5101.

Effective for services as of April 1, 2018, The April 2018 HCPCS file includes these revised/new HCPCS codes:

- HCPCS Code: Q5101
 - Short Description: Injection, zarxio
 - Long Description: Injection, filgrastim-sndz, biosimilar, (zarxio), 1 microgram

- HCPCS Code: Q5103

- Short Description: Injection, inflectra
- Long Description: Injection, infliximab-dyyb, biosimilar, (inflectra), 10 mg
- Type of Service (TOS) Code: 1,P
- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) Status Indicator: E

- HCPCS Code: Q5104
 - Short Description: Injection, renflexis
 - Long Description: Injection, infliximab-abda, biosimilar, (renflexis), 10 mg
 - TOS Code: 1, P
 - MPFSDB Status Indicator: E

- HCPCS Code:Q2041
 - Short Description: Axicabtagene ciloleucel car+
 - Long Description: Axicabtagene Ciloleucel, up to 200 million autologous Anti-CD19 CAR T Cells, Including leukapheresis and dose preparation procedures, per infusion
 - TOS Code: 1
 - MPFSDB Status Indicator: E

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2018, HCPCS code Q5102 (which describes both currently available versions of infliximab biosimilars) will be replaced with two codes, Q5103 and Q5104. Thus, Q5102 Injection, infliximab, biosimilar, 10 mg, will be discontinued, effective March 31, 2018.

Also, beginning on April 1, 2018, modifiers that describe the manufacturer of a biosimilar product (for example, ZA, ZB and ZC) will no longer be required on Medicare claims for HCPCS codes for biosimilars. However, please note that HCPCS code Q5102 and the requirement to use biosimilar modifiers remain in effect for dates of service prior to April 1, 2018.

Medicare Part B policy changes for biosimilar biological products were discussed in the Calendar Year (CY) 2018 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rule at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Federal-Regulation-Notices-Items/CMS-1676-F.html. Effective January 1, 2018, newly approved biosimilar biological products with a common reference product will no longer be grouped into the same billing code. The rule also stated that instructions for new codes for biosimilars that are currently grouped into a common payment code and the use of modifiers would be issued.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 10454, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R3997CP.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring->

[Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/.](#)

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