



April 2019 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files

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

BACKGROUND

The Average Sales Price (ASP) methodology is based on quarterly data submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) by manufacturers. CMS supplies the MACs with the ASP and Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) drug pricing files for Medicare Part B drugs on a quarterly basis. Payment allowance limits under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) are incorporated into the Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) through separate instructions available in Chapter 4, Section 50 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual found at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c04.pdf>.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

CR11151 instructs MACs to download and implement the April 2019 and, if released, the revised January 2019, October 2018, July 2018, and April 2018 ASP drug pricing files for Medicare Part B drugs via the CMS Virtual Data Center (CDC). Medicare will use these files to determine the payment limit for claims for separately payable Medicare Part B drugs processed or reprocessed on or after April 1, 2019, with dates of service April 1, 2019, through June 30, 2019. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

CR11151 addresses the following pricing files:

- April 2019 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: April 1, 2019, through June 30, 2019
- January 2019 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: January 1, 2019, through March 31, 2019
- October 2018 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: October 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018

- July 2018 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: July 1, 2018, through September 30, 2018
- April 2018 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: April 1, 2018, through June 30, 2018

For any drug or biological not listed in the ASP or NOC drug-pricing files, MACs will determine the payment allowance limits in accordance with the policy described in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 17, Section 20.1.3, which is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c17.pdf>.

For any drug or biological not listed in the ASP or NOC drug-pricing files that is billed with the KD modifier, MACs will determine the payment allowance limits in accordance with instructions for pricing and payment changes for infusion drugs furnished through an item of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) on or after January 1, 2017, associated with the passage of the 21st Century Cures Act.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR11151, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4213CP.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

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