



October 2019 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

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

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR11343 informs MACs about new and revised Average Sales Price (ASP) and ASP Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) drug pricing files for Medicare Part B drugs. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will make files available for download on or after September 13, 2019. CMS gives MACs the ASP and 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>. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes

BACKGROUND

The ASP methodology is based on quarterly data submitted to CMS by manufacturers. CR11343 instructs MACs to download and implement the October 2019 and, if released, the revised July 2019, April 2019, January 2019, and October 2018 ASP drug pricing files for Medicare Part B drugs

CR11343 addresses the following pricing files:

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

For any drug or biological not listed in the ASP or NOC drug pricing files, your MACs will determine the payment allowance limits in accordance with the policy in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 17, Section 20.1.3 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 you bill 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 which is available at <https://www.congress.gov/114/bills/hr34/BILLS-114hr34enr.pdf>.

Note: MACs will not search and adjust claims that have already been processed unless you bring such claims to their attention.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR11343, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4395CP.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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