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## July 2012 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files

### Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), and/or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

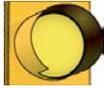


#### **STOP – Impact to You**

Medicare will use the July 2012 quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B drug pricing files to determine the payment limit for claims for separately payable Medicare Part B drugs processed or reprocessed on or after July 2, 2012, with dates of service July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012.

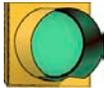
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### CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 7810, from which this article is taken, instructs your Medicare contractors to download and implement the July 2012 Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B drug pricing file for Medicare Part B drugs and, if released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to also download and implement the revised April 2012, January 2012, October 2011, and July 2011 files.



### GO – What You Need to Do

You should make sure that your billing staffs are aware of the release of these July 2012 ASP Medicare Part B drug files.

## Background

The Average Sales Price (ASP) methodology is based on quarterly data submitted to CMS by manufacturers. CMS will supply Medicare contractors 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 OPSPS are incorporated into the Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) through separate instructions that can be located in the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual" (Chapter 4 (Part B Hospital (Including Inpatient Hospital Part B and OPSPS)), Section 50 (Outpatient PRICER); see <http://www.cms.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c04.pdf> on the CMS website.)

The following table shows how the quarterly payment files will be applied:

Files	Effective for Dates of Service
July 2012 ASP and ASP NOC	July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012
April 2012 ASP and ASP NOC	April 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012
January 2012 ASP and ASP NOC	January 1, 2012, through March 31, 2012
October 2011 ASP and ASP NOC	October 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011
July 2011 ASP and ASP NOC	July 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011

## Additional Information

You can find the official instruction, Change Request (CR) 7810, issued to your FI, carrier, A/B MAC, RHHI, or DME MAC by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2440CP.pdf> on the CMS website. If you have any questions, please contact your FI, carrier, A/B MAC, RHHI, or DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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