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Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8534

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Effective Date: January 1, 2014

Related CR Transmittal #: R2847CP

Implementation Date: January 6, 2014

Emergency Update to the CY 2014 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries and which are paid under the CY 2014 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB).

What You Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8534 which informs MACS that the payment files released for the MPFS based upon the MPFS final rule published in the "Federal Register" on December 10, 2013, are updated by CR8534. CR8534 amends those payment files and accounts for the year-end Congressional legislation for a 0.5 percent update to the 2014 conversion factor and extends the non-budget neutral geographic practice cost index (GPCI) work floors, all effective for January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014. This is the result of the passage of the Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013.

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MACs will begin to pay claims using these new files no later than January 16, 2014, effective for dates of service as of January 1, 2014. In addition, MACs will post the new MPFS fees to their websites no later than January 3, 2014.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8534, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2847CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

News Flash - Generally, Medicare Part B covers one flu vaccination and its administration per flu season for beneficiaries without co-pay or deductible. Now is the perfect time to vaccinate beneficiaries. Health care providers are encouraged to get a flu vaccine to help protect themselves from the flu and to keep from spreading it to their family, co-workers, and patients. Note: The flu vaccine is not a Part D-covered drug. For more information, visit:

- [MLN Matters® Article #MM8433](#), "Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2013-2014 Season"
- [MLN Matters® Article #SE1336](#), "2013-2014 Influenza (Flu) Resources for Health Care Professionals"
- [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) - a free, online service where users can search for locations offering flu and other adult vaccines. While some providers may offer flu vaccines, those that don't can help their patients locate flu vaccines within their local community.
- The CDC website for [Free Resources](#), including [prescription-style tear-pads](#) that allow you to give a customized flu shot reminder to patients at high-risk for complications from the flu.

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