

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



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### **April 2016 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files**

#### **Provider Types Affected**

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Durable Medical Equipment MACs (DME MACs) and Home Health & Hospice MACs (HH&H MACs), for Part B drugs provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

#### **Provider Action Needed**

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Medicare will use the April 2016 quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) and Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) pricing files to determine the payment limit for claims for separately payable Medicare Part B drugs processed or reprocessed on or after April 4, 2016, with dates of services from April 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016.

Change Request (CR) 9536 instructs MACs to implement the April 2016 ASP Medicare Part B drug pricing file for Medicare Part B drugs, and if they are released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to also implement the revised January 2016, October 2015, July 2015, and April 2015 files. Make sure your billing personnel are aware of these changes.

#### **Background**

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The ASP methodology is based on quarterly data submitted to CMS by manufacturers. CMS will supply contractors with the ASP and NOC drug pricing files for Medicare Part B drugs on a quarterly basis. Payment allowance limits under the Outpatient Prospective Payment

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System (OPPS) are incorporated into the Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) through separate instructions that are in the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual,” [Chapter 4](#), Section 50.

The following table shows how the files will be applied.

<b>Files</b>	<b>Effective Date for Dates of Service</b>
April 2016 ASP and ASP NOC	April 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016
January 2016 ASP and ASP NOC	January 1, 2016, through March 31, 2016
October 2015 ASP and ASP NOC	October 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015
July 2015 ASP and ASP NOC	July 1, 2015, through September 30, 2015
April 2015 ASP and ASP NOC	April 1, 2015, through June 30, 2015

## **Additional Information**

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The official instruction, CR9536 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3450CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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