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Medicare Part B Drug Average Sales Price Reporting by Manufacturers – Blending National Drug Codes

Provider Types Affected

This article is intended for drug manufacturers who submit Average Sales Price (ASP) data to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Background

Payment for many Medicare Part B drugs is based on ASP drug pricing data submitted to CMS by drug manufacturers. In accordance with Section 1847A of the Social Security Act (the Act), manufacturers must submit ASP data, including total sales and volume for their products, 30 days after the current calendar quarter closes.

What You Need to Know

CMS is reminding manufacturers that ASP data must be reported for individual National Drug Codes (NDCs). As stated on page 45 of “ASP Data Collection (Addendum A) User’s Guide – Revised 2012” in the Downloads section at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/index.html>, “most ASP reporting is done at the NDC level where the ASP corresponds to the amount of drug represented by that NDC.... For these drugs and biologicals, manufacturers will still submit ASP sales data for an NDC, but will do so on an ASP unit level specified in this list.” Manufacturers should not blend

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the manufacturer's ASP or the number of ASP Units sold for a single NDC with other NDCs.

CMS also reminds manufacturers that misreporting of ASP sales data may result in civil monetary penalties as described in Section 1847A(d)(4) of the Act.

Exceptions to ASP reporting by NDC are limited and are available in the document titled "ASP Report in Units other Than NDC – January 2016" in the Related Links section at <http://www.cms.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/>.

Additional Information

If you have questions about the information in this reminder, please email them to the ASP mailbox at sec303aspdata@cms.hhs.gov.

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>.

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