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Related Change Request (CR) #: 7357

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Implementation Date: July 5, 2011

July 2011 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files

Provider Types Affected

This article is for all physicians, providers and suppliers who submit claims to Medicare contractors (Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), carriers, Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7357, which instructs Medicare contractors to download and implement the July 2011 Average Sales Price (ASP) drug pricing file for Medicare Part B drugs; and, if released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the revised April 2011, January 2011, October 2010, and July 2010 files. Medicare will use these files to determine the payment limit

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for claims for separately payable Medicare Part B drugs processed or reprocessed on or after July 1, 2011, with dates of service July 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011. Contractors will not search and adjust claims that have already been processed unless brought to their attention. Please ensure that your staffs are aware of this quarterly update.

Background

The ASP methodology is based on quarterly data submitted to CMS by manufacturers. CMS supplies 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 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) are incorporated into the Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) through separate instructions.

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

Files	Effective for Dates of Service
July 2011 ASP and ASP NOC	July 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011
April 2011 ASP and ASP NOC files	April 1, 2011, through June 30, 2011
January 2011 ASP and ASP NOC files	January 1, 2011, through March 31, 2011
October 2010 ASP and ASP NOC files	October 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010
July 2010 ASP and ASP NOC files	July 1, 2010, through September 30, 2010

Additional Information

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare MAC, carrier, or FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR 7357) issued to your Medicare MAC, carrier, and FI may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/transmittals/downloads/R2182CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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