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Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8032

Related CR Release Date: August 24, 2012

Effective Date: October 1, 2012

Related CR Transmittal #: R2525CP

Implementation Date: October 1, 2012

October 2012 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System (ASC)

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8032 which informs Medicare contractors about the changes to and billing instructions for various payment policies implemented in the October 2012 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) update. CR8032 applies to Chapter 14, Section 10 of the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual.” Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

Background

The key changes in CR8032 are as follows:

Drugs and Biologicals with Payments Based on Average Sales Price (ASP) Effective October 1, 2012

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Payment for separately payable drugs and biologicals based on the ASPs are updated on a quarterly basis as later quarter ASP submissions become available. In cases where adjustments to payment rates are necessary based on the most recent ASP submissions, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) incorporates changes to the payment rates in the October 2012 release of the ASC DRUG file. The updated payment rates, effective October 1, 2012, will be included in the October 2012 update of the ASC Payment system Addendum BB, which will be posted at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ASCPayment/11_Addenda_Updates.html CMS website.

New HCPCS Codes for Drugs and Biologicals Separately Payable under the ASC Payment System Effective October 1, 2012.

Two drugs and biologicals have been granted ASC payment status effective October 1, 2012. These items, along with their descriptors and payment indicators, are identified in Table 1.

Table 1 – New Separately Payable Drugs and Biologicals Effective October 1, 2012

HCPCS Code	Long Descriptor	Short Descriptor	ASC PI
C9292	Injection, pertuzumab, 10 mg	Injection, pertuzumab	K2
C9293	Injection, , glucarpidase, 10 units	Injection, , glucarpidase	K2

Updated Payment Rates for Certain Drugs and Biologicals HCPCS Codes Effective July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012

The payment rates for three HCPCS codes were incorrect in the July 2012 ASC Drug File. The corrected payment rates are listed in Table 2 and have been included in the revised July 2012 ASC Drug File, effective for services furnished on July 1, 2012, through implementation of the October 2012 update. Suppliers who have received an incorrect payment for dates of service from July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012, may request contractor adjustment of the previously processed claims.

Table 2 – Updated Payment Rates for Certain Drugs and Biologicals HCPCS Codes Effective July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	ASC PI	Corrected Payment Rate
C9368	Grafix core	K2	\$160.66
C9369	Grafix prime	K2	\$51.84
Q2045	Human fibrinogen conc inj	K2	\$0.89

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8032 issued to your carrier and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2525CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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

To review MM7854, the July 2012 Update to the ASC Payment System, you may go to <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM7854.pdf> on the CMS website.

To review the Ambulatory Surgical Center Fee Schedule Fact Sheet you may go to <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/AmbSurgCtrFeePymfctsh508-09.pdf> on the CMS website.

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