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Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8607

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Implementation Date: April 7, 2014

April 2014 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files

Provider Types Affected

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 services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

Medicare will use the April 2014 quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B drug pricing files to determine the payment limit for claims for separately payable Medicare Part B drugs processed or reprocessed on or after April 1, 2014, with dates of services from April 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014.

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Change Request (CR) 8607, from which this article is taken, instructs Medicare contractors to implement the April 2014 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 2014, October 2013, July 2013, and April 2013 files. Make sure your billing personnel are aware of these changes.

Background

The ASP methodology is based on quarterly data submitted to CMS by manufacturers. CMS will supply 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 that can be located in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 4, section 50 Outpatient PRICER.

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

Files	Effective for Dates of Service
April 2014 ASP and ASP NOC	April 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014
January 2014 ASP and ASP NOC	January 1, 2014, through March 31, 2014
October 2013 ASP and ASP NOC	October 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013
July 2013 ASP and ASP NOC	July 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013
April 2013 ASP and ASP NOC	April 1, 2013, through June 30, 2013

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8607, issued to your MAC regarding this change, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2863CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your 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.

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