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July 2014 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8786 and is a recurring update that describes changes to and billing instructions for various payment policies implemented in the July 2014 ASC update as well as updates to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). Make sure your billing staff is aware of the changes.

Key Points of CR8786

One new brachytherapy source shown below, is assigned for payment under the ASC Payment System.

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New Brachytherapy Source Code Effective July 1, 2014

HCPCS	CY2014 Short Descriptor	CY2014 Long Descriptor	ASC Payment Indicator (PI)
C2644	Brachytx cesium-131 chloride	Brachytherapy source, cesium-131 chloride solution, per millicurie	H2

New Category III CPT Codes

The American Medical Association (AMA) releases Category III Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes twice per year: in January, for implementation beginning the following July, and in July, for implementation beginning the following January. For the July 2014 update, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing 27 Category III CPT codes that the AMA released in January 2014 for implementation on July 1, 2014. Four of the 27 Category III CPT codes are separately payable under the ASC payment system and are shown below. Payment rates for these services can be found in the July 2014 ASC Update addenda that are posted at

http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ASCPayment/11_Addenda_Updates.html on the CMS website.

Category III CPT Codes Implemented as of July 1, 2014

CPT Code	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor	July 2014 ASC PI
0348T	RSA spine exam	Radiologic examination, radiostereometric analysis (RSA); spine, (includes, cervical, thoracic and lumbosacral, when performed)	Z2
0349T	RSA upper extr exam	Radiologic examination, radiostereometric analysis (RSA); upper extremity(ies), (includes shoulder, elbow and wrist, when performed)	Z2
0350T	RSA lower extr exam	Radiologic examination, radiostereometric analysis (RSA); lower extremity(ies), (includes hip, proximal femur, knee and ankle, when performed)	Z2
0356T	Insrt drug device for iop	Insertion of drug-eluting implant (including punctal dilation and implant removal when performed) into lacrimal canaliculus, each	R2

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Billing for Drugs, Biologicals, and Radiopharmaceuticals

Payments for separately payable drugs and biologicals based on Average Sales Price (ASP) 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, CMS will incorporate changes to the payment rates in the July 2014 release of the ASC Drug File. The updated payment rates below, effective July 1, 2014, will be included in the July 2014 update of the ASC Addendum BB, which will be posted at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ASCPayment/11_Addenda_Updates.html on the CMS website.

New HCPCS Codes Effective July 1, 2014, for Certain Drugs and Biologicals Separately Payable Under ASC Payment System

HCPCS Code	CY2014 Short Descriptor	CY2014 Long Descriptor	ASC PI
C9022	Injection, elosulfase alfa	Injection, elosulfase alfa, 1mg	K2
C9134	Factor XIII A-subunit recomb	Factor XIII (antihemophilic factor, recombinant), Tretten, per 10 i.u.	K2
Q9970*	Inj Ferric Carboxymaltos 1mg	Injection, ferric carboxymaltose, 1 mg	K2

*HCPCS code C9441 (Injection, ferric carboxymaltose, 1 mg) will be deleted and replaced with HCPCS code Q9970 effective July 1, 2014.

Updated Payment Rates for Certain HCPCS Codes Effective October 1, 2013, Through December 31, 2013

The payment rate for one HCPCS code, was incorrect in the October 2013 ASC Drug File. The corrected payment rate is listed below. Suppliers who think they may have received an incorrect payment for dates of service October 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, may request that their MAC adjust the previously processed claims.

Updated Payment Rates for Certain HCPCS Codes Effective October 1, 2013, Through December 31, 2013

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Corrected Payment Rate	ASC PI
J2788	Rho d immune globulin 50 mcg	25.15	K2

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Updated Payment Rates for Certain HCPCS Codes Effective January 1, 2014, Through March 31, 2014

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Updated Payment Rates for Certain HCPCS Codes Effective January 1, 2014, Through March 31, 2014

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Corrected Payment Rate	ASC PI
J0775	Collagenase, clost hist inj	38.49	K2

Note: The fact that a drug, device, procedure or service is assigned a HCPCS code and a payment rate under the ASC payment system does not imply coverage by the Medicare program, but indicates only how the product, procedure, or service may be paid if covered by the program. Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) determine whether a drug, device, procedure, or other service meets all program requirements for coverage. For example, MACs determine that it is reasonable and necessary to treat the beneficiary's condition and whether it is excluded from payment.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8786 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2970CP.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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