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Related CR Transmittal #: R3072CP

Implementation Date: January 5, 2015

## January 2015 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files

### Provider Types Affected

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers who submit claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

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Change Request (CR) 8912 instructs Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) to download and implement the January 2015 and, if released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the revised October 2014, July 2014, April 2014, and January 2014, average sales price (ASP) drug pricing files for Medicare Part B drugs.

Medicare will use these files to determine the payment limit for claims for separately payable Medicare Part B drugs processed or reprocessed on or after January 5, 2015, with dates of service January 1, 2015, through March 31, 2015. MACs will not search and adjust claims that have already been processed unless brought to their attention. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

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## Background

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The Average Sales Price (ASP) methodology is based on quarterly data submitted that manufacturers submit to CMS. CMS will supply MACs 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 are in Chapter 4, section 50, of the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual" which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c04.pdf> on the CMS website.

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

Files	Effective Dates of Service
January 2015 ASP and ASP NOC	January 1, 2015, through March 31, 2015
October 2014 ASP and ASP NOC	October 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014
July 2014 ASP and ASP NOC	July 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014
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

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 8912 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3072CP.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-Net/work-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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