

RECOMMENDATIONS

CMS Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment

August 22, 2016

Conditional Packaging

1. The Panel recommends that CMS take into consideration the comments regarding hospital pathology laboratories as it evaluates conditional packaging to determine whether an accommodation can be made.
2. The Panel recommends that CMS develop a composite ambulatory payment classification (APC) for pathology services when multiple pathology services are provided on a claim with no other payable services.

Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation

3. The Panel recommends that CMS require providers to include the new revenue code 0815, *Allogeneic Stem Cell Acquisition Services*, on claims with CPT code 38240, *Hematopoietic progenitor cell (hpc); allogeneic transplantation per donor*, beginning January 1, 2017, for C-APC 5244, *Level 4 Blood Product Exchange and Related Services*.
4. The Panel recommends that in calculating payment rates for C-APC 5244, *Level 4 Blood Product Exchange and Related Services*, CMS use the subset of existing claims that includes both CPT code 38240, *Hematopoietic progenitor cell (hpc); allogeneic transplantation per donor*, and revenue code 0819, *Organ Acquisition: Other Donor*.

Outpatient Total Knee Arthroplasty

5. The Panel recommends that CMS remove CPT code 27447, *Arthroplasty, knee, condyle and plateau; medial and lateral compartments with or without patella resurfacing (total knee arthroplasty)*, from the inpatient-only procedures list.

Other Issues

6. The Panel recommends that CMS provide further information and data for stakeholders to review on how comprehensive APCs are created and their effects; the Panel also recommends that CMS provide more time for the public to review the information and make proposals to the Panel.

Visits and Observation Issues

7. The Panel recommends that CMS continue to report clinic/emergency department visit and observation claims data and, if CMS identifies changes in patterns of utilization or cost, that CMS bring those issues before the Visits and Observation Subcommittee in the future.
8. The Panel recommends that the work of the Visits and Observation Subcommittee continue.
9. The Panel recommends that Norman Thomson, M.D., serve as Chair of the Visits and Observation Subcommittee.

APC Groups and Status Indicator (SI) Assignments Issues

10. The Panel recommends that the work of the APC Groups and SI Assignments Subcommittee continue.
11. The Panel recommends that Dawn Francis, M.D., continue to serve as Chair for the APC Groups and SI Assignments Subcommittee.

Data Issues

12. The Panel recommends that CMS provide the Data Subcommittee a list of APCs fluctuating significantly in costs prior to each Panel meeting.
13. The Panel recommends that CMS provide the Data Subcommittee a presentation on the claims accounting process prior to each HOP Panel meeting.
14. The Panel recommends that the work of the Data Subcommittee continue.
15. The Panel recommends that Michael Schroyer, R.N., continue to serve as Chair of the Data Subcommittee.