



July 2019 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for Medicare Part B drugs provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 11225 provides the quarterly update for Average Sales Price (ASP) and ASP Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to the prior quarterly pricing files. CR11225 instructs MACs to download and implement the July 2019 and, if released, the revised April 2019, January 2019, October 2018, and July 2018 files. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

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 at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c04.pdf>. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

The ASP methodology is based on quarterly data submitted to CMS by manufacturers. CMS will supply the MACs with the ASP and ASP NOC drug pricing files for Medicare Part B drugs on a quarterly basis. CR 11225 addresses the following pricing files:

- File: July 2019 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: July 1, 2019, through September 30, 2019

- File: April 2019 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: April 1, 2019, through June 30, 2019
- File: January 2019 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: January 1, 2019, through March 31, 2019
- File: October 2018 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: October 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018
- File: July 2018 ASP and ASP NOC -- Effective Dates of Service: July 1, 2018, through September 30, 2018

For any drug or biological not listed in the ASP or NOC drug pricing files, your MACs will determine the payment allowance limits in accordance with the policy in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 17, Section 20.1.3 at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c17.pdf>.

For any drug or biological not listed in the ASP or NOC drug pricing files that is billed with the KD modifier, MACs will determine the payment allowance limits in accordance with instructions for pricing and payment changes for infusion drugs furnished through an item of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) on or after January 1, 2017, associated with the passage of the 21st Century Cures Act which is available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-114publ255/pdf/PLAW-114publ255.pdf>.

Note: MACs will not search and adjust claims that they already processed unless you bring such claims to their attention.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR11225, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4264CP.pdf>. If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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March 26, 2019	Initial article released.

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