



October 2018 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

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

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10899 provides the quarterly update for Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to the prior quarterly pricing files. CR 10899 instructs MACs to download and implement the October 2018 and, if released, the revised July 2018, April 2018, January 2018, and October 2017 ASP drug pricing files for Medicare Part B drugs. Medicare shall use the October 2018 ASP and Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) drug pricing files to determine the payment limit for claims for separately payable Medicare Part B drugs processed or reprocessed on or after October 1, 2018 with dates of service October 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

BACKGROUND

The ASP methodology is based on quarterly data that manufacturers submit to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS supplies MACs with the ASP and 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 available in Chapter 4, Section 50 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c04.pdf>.

- 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;
- File: April 2018 ASP and ASP NOC – effective dates of April 1, 2018, through June 30, 2018;
- File: January 2018 ASP and ASP NOC – effective dates of service: January 1, 2018, through March 31, 2018; and
- File: October 2017 ASP and ASP NOC – effective dates of service: October 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

For any drug or biological not listed in the ASP or NOC drug pricing files, MACs will determine the payment allowance limits in accordance with the policy described in Chapter 17, Section 20.1.3 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual 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 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>.

MACs will not search and adjust claims that have already been processed unless you bring such claims to your MAC's attention

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 10899, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R4107CP.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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August 3, 2018	Initial article released.

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