



October 2020 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 for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for Part B Drugs provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

This article updates the Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Pricing Files and informs providers of revisions to prior quarterly pricing files. Please make sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates and revisions.

BACKGROUND

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

CR 11854 addresses the following pricing files:

- File: October 2020 ASP and ASP NOC – Effective Dates of Service (DOS): October 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020;
- File: July 2020 ASP and ASP NOC – Effective DOS: July 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020;
- File: April 2020 ASP and ASP NOC – Effective DOS: April 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020;
- File: January 2020 ASP and ASP NOC – Effective DOS: January 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020; and
- File: October 2019 ASP and ASP NOC – Effective DOS: October 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019

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 you bill 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.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/34>.

File download and receipt instructions for contractors are included in the Business Requirements portion of this CR.

Note: Providers should be aware that contractors will not search and adjust claims that have already been processed unless brought to their attention.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11854, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10306CP.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

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