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Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes - July 2015 Update

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME/MACs) and Home Health & Hospice (HH&H) MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 9167 and informs Medicare providers about the updating of specific drug and biological HCPCS codes that occur quarterly. It alerts providers that the July file includes new HCPCS Codes.

CR9167 also updates Chapter 17, Section 20.1.2 (Average Sales Price (ASP) Payment Methodology) in the “Claims Processing Manual” to address the use of a compounded drug not otherwise classified (NOC) code on claims for compounded drugs. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

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Summary of New HCPCS Codes in CR9167

CR9167 adds the following HCPCS codes with the effective dates noted.

Table 1 - New HCPCS Codes in CR9167

Effective for Claims with Dates of Service on or after:	HCPCS Code	Long Description	Short Description	Type of Service (TOS)
March 6, 2015	Q5101	Injection, Filgrastim (G-CSF), Biosimilar, 1 microgram	Inj filgrastim g-csf biosim	1, P
July 1, 2015	Q9976	Injection, Ferric Pyrophosphate Citrate Solution, 0.1 mg of iron	Inj Ferric Pyrophosphate Cit	1,L
July 1, 2015	Q9978	Netupitant 300 mg and Palonosetron 0.5 mg, oral	Netupitant Palonosetron oral	1
July 1, 2015	Q9977	Compounded Drug, Not Otherwise Classified	Compounded Drug NOC	1, P

Note: The Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Status Indicator for all four codes above is E.

CR9167 also updates Section 20.1.2 Average Sales Price (ASP) Payment Methodology in Chapter 17 of the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual” to show that, beginning in July 2015, claims for compounded drugs should be submitted using a compounded drug, NOC HCPCS code.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 9167 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3254CP.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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