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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: HCPCS codes Q4054 and Q4055 can be billed on a 13X TOB for ESRD beneficiaries requiring EPO or Aranesp administration for ESRD related anemia in association with a hospital outpatient visit related to a medical emergency.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2004

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 4, 2004**

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
R	8/60.4.3.2/ Epoetin Alfa (EPO) Provided in the Hospital Outpatient Departments
R	8/60.7.3.2/ Payment for Darbepoetin Alfa (Aranesp) in the Hospital Outpatient Department

***III. FUNDING:**

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

X	Business Requirements
X	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification

***Medicare contractors only**

Attachment - Business Requirements

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SUBJECT: Emergency Hospital Outpatient billing of Epoetin Alfa (EPO) and Darbepoetin Alfa (Aranesp)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background:

Currently, hospitals are unable to bill for Epoetin Alfa (EPO) and Darbepoetin Alfa (Aranesp) furnished to End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) patients on an outpatient basis. When ESRD patients come to the hospital for a medical emergency their dialysis related anemia may also require treatment. The administration of EPO/Aranesp may be required to treat the patients condition in an outpatient setting before the patient can be treated during his/her regularly scheduled dialysis appointments. Payment would be limited to unscheduled EPO/Aranesp administration for ESRD patients with medical emergencies.

B. Policy:

HCPCS codes Q4054 and Q4055 can be billed on a 13X and 85X TOB for ESRD beneficiaries requiring EPO or Aranesp administration for ESRD related anemia in association with a hospital outpatient visit related to a medical emergency.

C. Provider Education:

A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article to their Web site, and include it in a listserv message if applicable, within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article must be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
3184.1	The contractor shall accept bills for Aranesp furnished in a hospital outpatient setting with the following data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of bill = 13x, 85x. • Revenue code 0636, "Drug Requiring Specific Information." 	FI, SSM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCPCS code Q4054: Aranesp 1mcg. • The units field as a multiplier to arrive at the dosage amount. • Value code 49 with the Hematocrit value. 	
3184.2	<p>The contractor shall accept bills for EPO furnished in a hospital outpatient setting with the following data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of bill = 13x, 85x. • Revenue code 0634, “EPO under 10,000 units.” • Revenue code 0635, “EPO over 10,000 units.” • HCPCS code Q4055: EPO 1000 units. • The units field as a multiplier to arrive at the dosage amount. • Value code 49 with the Hematocrit value. 	FI, SSM
3184.3	The contractor shall pay the statutory rate for HCPCS Q4055.	FI
3184.4	The contractor shall pay the MMA Drug Pricing File rate for HCPCS Q4054.	FI
3184.5	The contractor shall calculate coinsurance based on the payment amount for EPO/ Aranesp furnished in a hospital emergency outpatient setting.	FI
3184.6	The contractor shall apply the Medicare deductible to EPO/Aranesp furnished in a hospital emergency outpatient setting.	FI
3184.7	The FI will only make payment for EPO or Aranesp to the hospital when revenue code 045X with HCPCS code (any of 99281 – 99285) also appears on the same claim.	SSM

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date: January 1, 2004</p> <p>Implementation Date: October 4, 2004</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Pat Barrett, 410-786-0508</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate Regional Office</p>	<p>These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.</p>
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60.4.3.2 – Epoetin Alfa (EPO) Provided in the Hospital Outpatient Departments

(Rev. 197, 06-04-04)

For patients with chronic renal failure who are not yet on a regular course of dialysis, EPO administered in a hospital outpatient department is paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).

Hospitals use type of bill 13X and report charges under revenue code 0636 with HCPCS code Q0136 and without value codes 48, 49, 68 or condition codes 70 through 76.

When ESRD patients come to the hospital for a medical emergency their dialysis related anemia may also require treatment. For patients with ESRD who are on a regular course of dialysis, EPO administered in a hospital outpatient department is paid using the statutory rate for EPO given to an ESRD beneficiary.

Hospitals use type of bill 13X and report charges under the respective revenue code 0634 for EPO less than 10,000 units and revenue code 0635 for EPO over 10,000 units with HCPCS code Q4055. The total number of units as a multiple of 1000 units is placed in the unit field. Value code 49 will contain the hematocrit value for the hospital outpatient visit.

60.7.3.2 - Payment for Darbepoetin Alfa (Aranesp) in the Hospital Outpatient Department

(Rev. 197, 06-04-04)

For patients with chronic renal failure who are not yet on a regular course of dialysis, Aranesp administered in a hospital outpatient department is paid under the OPPS.

Hospitals use bill type 13X and report charges under revenue code 0636, with HCPCS code Q0137 and without value codes 48, 49, 68 or condition codes 70-76.

When ESRD patients come to the hospital for a medical emergency their dialysis related anemia may also require treatment. For patients with ESRD who are on a regular course of dialysis, Aranesp administered in a hospital outpatient department is paid the MMA Drug Pricing File rate.

Hospitals use bill type 13X and report charges under revenue code 0636, with HCPCS code Q4054. The total number of units as a multiple of 1mcg is placed in the unit field. Value code 49 will contain the hematocrit value for the hospital outpatient visit.