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October 2004 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

Provider Types Affected

Hospitals and other providers paid under the OPPS

Provider Action Needed

This instruction provides changes to the OPPS for the October 2004 quarterly update. Unless otherwise noted, all changes in this article are effective for services furnished on or after October 1, 2004.

Background

This article describes changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) to be implemented in the October 2004 update. The October 2004 Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) and OPPS PRICER will reflect the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) additions, changes, and deletions, identified in this article.

Details regarding OPPS changes for the October 2004 quarterly update, including Attachment A, Summary of Data Modifications, OCE/APC v5.3, effective October 1, 2004, are contained in the official instruction issued to your intermediary. That instruction may be viewed by going to:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp

On that web site, look for CR3420 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR. A summary of key changes follows:

1. New Service

The following new service is assigned for payment under the OPPS OCE, effective October 1, 2004.

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Table 1. Payment for New Service

HCPCS	Effective Date	SI	APC	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor	Payment Rate	Minimum Unadjusted Copayment
C9717	10/01/04	T	0150	Stapled Hemorrhoidopexy	Hemorrhoidopexy, Complex or Extensive, by a Circular Stapler	\$1,210.81	\$242.16

2. Payment for Drugs and Biologicals Recently Approved by the FDA

Transmittal 188 (CR 3287) explains how hospitals may report new drugs and biologicals after Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval but before assignment of product-specific HCPCS codes. Beginning in 2004, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act (MMA) requires that payment for new drugs and biologicals after FDA approval but before assignment of product-specific HCPCS codes be equal to 95 percent of AWP.

- For services furnished on or after the designated effective date in Table 2, through September 30, 2004, but prior to the effective date of pass-through status and assignment of a product-specific HCPCS code, payment for the drugs and biologicals in Table 2 will be made at 95 percent of AWP.
- For services furnished on or after the designated effective date in Table 2, through September 30, 2004, beneficiary copayment will equal 20 percent of the designated payment rate.
- Effective October 1, 2004, the drugs and biologicals in Table 2 are approved for payment as pass-through drugs and biologicals (see section 3, below).
- Hospitals that used a code other than C9399 to bill for drugs and biologicals listed in Table 2 that were furnished prior to installation of the July 2004 release may submit adjustment bills.
- The “Effective Date of Payment Rate” listed in Table 2 reflects the date the drug or biological received FDA approval. Claims that are submitted using these HCPCS codes with dates of service prior to the specified “Effective Date of Payment Rate” found in Table 2 will receive OCE edit 67, “Service provided prior to FDA approval.” OCE edits are addressed in the October 2004 OCE Specifications Recurring Update Notification, CR 3395.

NOTE: The Medlearn Matters article for CR3395 may found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters/mmarticles/2004/MM3395.pdf>

Table 2. Payment for Drugs and Biologicals Recently Approved by the FDA

HCPCS	SI	APC	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor	Payment Rate	Minimum Unadjusted Copayment	Effective Date of Payment Rate
C9218	K	9218	Injection, Azacitidine	Injection, Azacitidine, per 1 mg	\$4.52	\$0.90	05/19/04
C9219	K	9219	Mycophenolic Acid, Oral	Mycophenolic Acid, Oral, per 180 mg	\$2.67	\$0.53	02/27/04

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3. Drugs and Biologicals Newly Approved for Pass-Through Payment

- The drugs and biologicals listed in Table 3 have been designated as eligible for pass-through payment under the OPPS, effective October 1, 2004. The effective date of pass-through status for C9218 and C9219 coincides with the date of assignment of product-specific HCPCS codes for each of these drugs.
- Payment for the drugs and biologicals listed in Table 3 equals 95 percent of AWP. Effective October 1, 2004, beneficiary copayment for C9218 and C9219 is recalculated consistent with coinsurance rules that apply to drugs and biologicals with pass-through status.
- "Injection, Azacitidine, per 1 mg" and "Mycophenolic Acid, Oral, per 180 mg" were originally approved by the FDA effective 05/19/04 and 02/27/04, respectively (see Table 2). These drugs both received product-specific HCPCS codes and were assigned pass-through status effective 10/01/04. Therefore, for claims with dates of service from the effective date of FDA approval to September 30, 2004, these drugs may be appropriately billed using C9399. Effective October 1, 2004, these drugs are no longer billable using C9399 and must be billed using the appropriate HCPCS identified in this article.

Table 3. Drugs and Biologicals Newly Approved for Pass-Through Payment

HCPCS	SI	APC	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor	Payment Rate	Minimum Unadjusted Copayment	Effective Date of Pass-Through Status
C9218	G	9218	Injection, Azacitidine	Injection, Azacitidine, per 1 mg	\$4.52	\$0.68	10/01/04
C9219	G	9219	Mycophenolic Acid, Oral	Mycophenolic Acid, Oral, per 180 mg	\$2.67	\$0.40	10/01/04

4. Misclassified Drugs and Biologicals: Billing and Payment for "Ganciclovir Long Act Implant," "Bcg Live Intravesical Vac," and "Gallium ga 67"

In the January 6, 2004 interim final rule, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) inadvertently misclassified "Ganciclovir Long Act Implant," "Bcg Live Intravesical Vac," and "Gallium ga 67" as multiple-source products and, therefore, incorrectly established new HCPCS for brand name forms of these drugs. These three drugs should not have been listed as multiple source drugs in CR3144, "April 2004 Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Payment for Drugs, Biologicals, and Radiopharmaceuticals, Generic Versus Brand Name," in which CMS addresses coding and payment for innovator multiple-source (brand name) drugs and non-innovator multiple-source (generic) drugs, and in which CMS implements HCPCS codes and payment amounts for brand name drugs that CMS was not able to previously implement in the January 1, 2004 update.

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CMS is modifying the OCE and PRICER to reflect the reclassification of "Ganciclovir Long Act Implant," "Bcg Live Intravesical Vac," and "Gallium ga 67" as sole source products, effective January 1, 2004. As mandated by the MMA, the payment amounts for these products are between 88 and 95 percent of their May 1, 2003 AWP.

For claims that are submitted on or after implementation of the October 2004 update, for services furnished on or after January 1, 2004, hospitals should use the sole source codes identified in Table 4, below, for reporting "Ganciclovir Long Act Implant," "Bcg Live Intravesical Vac," and "Gallium ga 67."

HCPCS C9416 and C9434, representing "Bcg Live Intravesical, brand," and "Gallium ga 67, brand," are deleted from the OPSS OCE effective January 1, 2004. Because of release deadlines, CMS was unable to delete HCPCS C9412, representing "Ganciclovir Implant, brand," in the October update of the OCE. Because PRICER was appropriately updated, however, hospitals should use the sole source code identified in Table 4, below, for reporting "Ganciclovir Long Act Implant." C9412 will be appropriately deleted in the January 1, 2005 OPSS update.

Separate instruction will be issued to address billing and payment for claims for "Ganciclovir Long Act Implant," "Bcg Live Intravesical Vac," and "Gallium ga 67" that were processed prior to implementation of the October 2004 update.

Table 4. Reclassified Drugs and Biologicals

HCPCS	SI	APC	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor	Payment Rate	Minimum Unadjusted Copayment	Effective Date
J7310	K	0913	Ganciclovir Long Act Implant	Ganciclovir, 4.5 mg, Long-Acting Implant	\$4,400.00	\$880.00	01/01/04
J9031	K	0809	Bcg live intravesical vac	BCG (Intravesical) per Instillation	\$148.33	\$29.67	01/01/04
Q3002	K	1619	Gallium ga 67	Supply of Radiopharmaceutical diagnostic Imaging Agent, Gallium GA 67, per mCi	\$28.73	\$5.75	01/01/04

5. Billing for "FDG, per Dose (4-40 mCi/ml)," C9408 and APC 9408

In the October 2004 update of the OPSS OCE, CMS inadvertently deleted HCPCS code C9408 and its associated APC, 9408, effective January 1, 2004. For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2004, that are submitted after implementation of the October 2004 update, hospitals should bill for "FDG, per Dose (4-40 mCi/ml)" using HCPCS code C1775.

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For claims submitted prior to implementation of the October 2004 update, hospitals may still use C9408 to bill for the brand name form of “FDG, per Dose (4-40 mCi/ml).”

6. October 2004 OCE Modifications

Attachment A of CR3420 is the OPPS OCE Summary of Data Modifications, effective October 1, 2004. This document summarizes all of the modifications made to APCs, HCPCS and CPT procedure codes, APC assignments, status indicators, modifiers, revenue codes, and edits to update the OPPS OCE for the October 1, 2004 quarterly release. CR3420 may be found at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R290CP.pdf

Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is October 4, 2004.

Additional Information

For further details, please see the official instruction issued to your intermediary. That instruction may be viewed by going to:

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