

Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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CHANGE REQUEST 1496

SUBJECT: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System Pass-Through Payment Corrections for Two Radiopharmaceuticals

Introduction

The purpose of this Program Memorandum (PM) is to correct the transitional pass-through payment amounts for the following two radiopharmaceuticals paid under the hospital outpatient prospective payment system: A9500, supply of radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent, technetium Tc 99m sestamibi, per dose, and A9502, supply of radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent, technetium Tc 99m tetrofosmin, per unit dose. The two radiopharmaceuticals were approved for pass-through payment effective for services furnished on or after August 1, 2000. (Refer to Transmittal No. A-00-42 issued July 26, 2000.)

The current payment amounts for these two radiopharmaceuticals, which are sold to hospitals and radiopharmacies in the form of multi-vial kits, were based on inaccurate or incomplete information submitted by the manufacturers regarding the number of doses available per vial. We have recently received corrected information regarding the number of doses as well as distribution methods from both manufacturers that warrants correcting the current payment amounts. Therefore, based on this corrected information, we are correcting the transitional pass-through payment amounts as shown below.

HCPCS Code	APC	Current Payment Amount	Corrected Amount	Payment
A9500	1600	\$109.25	\$87.86	
A9502	0705	\$136.80	\$106.04	

Beneficiary copayment amounts for these codes are not affected by this correction. These changes will be effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2001. The PRICER has been revised accordingly.

Please post this PM on your website immediately and include it in your next scheduled provider bulletin.

The effective date for this PM is January 1, 2001

The implementation date for this PM is January 1, 2001

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2001.

If you have any questions, contact Vivian Braxton, (410) 786-4571.