
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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**SUBJECT: Proper Billing of Units for Intrathecal Baclofen under the Outpatient
Prospective Payment System (OPPS)**

For proper payment under OPPS, hospitals must bill for intrathecal baclofen, an orphan drug entitled to pass-through payment under OPPS, using HCPCS code J0476 with the following units:

0.05 mg/ml (screening kit): bill 7 units

10 mg/20 ml, 20 ml ampule (refill kit): bill 20 units

10 mg/5ml, two 5 ml ampules (refill kit): bill 42 units

10mg/5ml, four 5 ml ampules (refill kit): bill 74 units

Effective October 1, 2000, unique codes will be available for each of the package/dosage combinations. A separate program memorandum containing these codes will be issued at a later date.

Inform your providers in your next regularly scheduled provider bulletin. This information is also posted on the HCFA Web site@hcfa.gov.

The *effective date* for this PM is August 1, 2000.

The *implementation date* for this PM is upon receipt.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2000.

If you have any questions, contact your regional office.