



News Flash - The *Ambulatory Surgical Center Fee Schedule Fact Sheet*, which provides general information about the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Fee Schedule, ASC payments, and how ASC payment amounts are determined, is now available in downloadable format from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicare Learning Network at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/AmbSurqCtrFeePytmfctsh508.pdf> on the CMS website.

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Related Change Request (CR) #: 5885

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Related CR Transmittal #: R1415CP

Implementation Date: January 30, 2008

Additional Payable Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) "C" Drug Codes in Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)

Provider Types Affected

Ambulatory Surgical Centers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5885 which lists additional payable HCPCS "C" drug codes for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs).



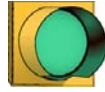
CAUTION – What You Need to Know

CR 5885 instructs Medicare contractors to modify systems to accept four additional Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) "C" codes (C9327, C9240, C9354, and C9355) and ensure that these HCPCS "C" codes are processed and paid using the same payment and claims processing policies

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issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the 2008 revision to the ASC payment system.



GO – What You Need to Do

See the Background and Additional Information Sections of this article for further details regarding these changes.

Background

A final list of Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) payable Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for January 1, 2008 was released in the recently issued ASC final rule (CMS-1392-FC) in the Federal Register (November 27, 2007).

However, there were four “C” codes recognized as payable in the ASC setting by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that were approved too late in the process to be included in the Federal Register’s final rule issuance. In addition, these “C” codes were not annotated as ASC payable codes in the 2008 HCPCS file release.

CR 5885 instructs that the following HCPCS “C” codes will be included on the final version ASC DRUG file released by CMS, as discussed in CR 5831.

HCPCS “C” Code	Descriptor	Effective Date
C9237	Inj, lanreotide acetate	January 1, 2008
C9240	Injection, ixabepilone	January 1, 2008
C9354	Veritas collagen matrix, cm2	January 1, 2008
C9355	Neuromatrix nerve cuff, cm	January 1, 2008

CR 5885 also instructs Medicare contractors that when these HCPCS “C” codes are submitted by ASCs for payment, they will be processed and paid using the same payment and claims processing policies issued by CMS for the 2008 revision to the ASC payment system.

Medicare Contractors will make available to ASCs both:

- A list of all HCPCS that are payable in ASCs for 2008, including the additional HCPCS codes, and

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- The wage adjusted payment rates of these HCPCS codes, for those ASCs in their jurisdiction.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 5885, issued to your Medicare carrier and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1415CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

News Flash - It's Not Too Late to Get the Flu Shot. We are in the midst of flu season and a flu vaccine is still the best way to prevent infection and the complications associated with the flu. But re-vaccination is necessary each year because flu viruses change each year. Please encourage your Medicare patients who haven't already done so to get their annual flu shot. – And don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends. Get Your Flu Shot – Not the Flu! Remember - Influenza vaccination is a covered Part B benefit. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. Health care professionals and their staff can learn more about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and related provider education resources, by reviewing Special Edition MLN Matters article SE0748 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0748.pdf> on the CMS website.

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