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## Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update

### Provider Types Affected

Providers billing Medicare carriers, fiscal intermediaries (FIs), Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC), or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHI) for services related to the administration of blood clotting factors to Medicare beneficiaries.

### What You Need to Know

CR 6277, from which this article is taken, announces that for calendar year 2009, the blood clotting furnishing factor of \$0.164 per international unit (I.U.) is added to the payment limit for a blood clotting factor that is not included on the Average Sales Price (ASP) or Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) files.

### Background

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) Section 303(e)(1) added section 1842(o)(5)(C) to the Social Security Act (the Act) which requires that, beginning January 1, 2005, a furnishing fee be paid

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for items and services associated with the administration of blood clotting factors. It further specifies that for CY 2006 (and subsequent years) this furnishing fee will be equal to the fee for the previous year, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index (CPI) for medical care for the 12-month period ending with June of the previous year.

CMS includes the clotting factor furnishing fee in the published payment limits for blood clotting factor billing codes included on the Medicare Part B Drug Average Sales Price (ASP) Pricing File or Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) Pricing File. Your Medicare contractor will make separate payment for the blood clotting factor furnishing fee when a separate payment for the blood clotting factor is allowed, and the payment limit for the blood clotting factor is not included on the Medicare Part B Drug ASP or NOC Pricing Files. The blood clotting furnishing factors for years 2005-2009 are displayed in the following table:

Blood Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee*	
Furnishing Fee	Calendar Year
\$0.164 per I.U.	2009
\$0.158 per I.U.	2008
\$0.152 per I.U.	2007
\$0.146 per I.U.	2006
\$0.140 per I.U.	2005

\*when the blood clotting factor is not included on the Medicare Part B Drug ASP or NOC Pricing Files

## Additional Information

You can find more information about the blood clotting furnishing factor by going to CR 6277, located at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1653CP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

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

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