



MLN Matters



Information for Medicare Fee-for-Service Health Care Professionals

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MMA Drug Pricing Update – Payment Limits for J1000 (Depo-estradiol cypionate inj)

Note: This article was revised to contain web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and independent End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) facilities

Provider Action Needed

Providers should be aware that payment limits for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) drug code J1000 (Depo-estradiol cypionate inj) are changing for services furnished on or after January 1, 2004, and on or before December 31, 2004.

Background

This article advises providers that Medicare carriers and fiscal intermediaries (FIs) will update the payment limits for HCPCS drug code J1000 (Depo-estradiol cypionate inj) effective with dates of service on or after January 1, 2004, and on or before December 31, 2004.

From January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, the Medicare payment limits apply for the specific HCPCS drug codes listed below that are not paid on a cost or prospective payment basis. The payment limit listed in the table for J1000 supersedes the payment limit published in Change Request (CR) 3105, dated January 30, 2004.

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	HCPCS	Average Wholesale Price %	2004 Payment Limit
Other than ESRD Drugs Separately Billed by Independent ESRD Facilities	J1000	85	\$ 2.33
ESRD Drugs Separately Billed by Independent ESRD Facilities	J1000	95	\$ 2.60

Carriers and FIs will not search and adjust claims that have already been processed unless brought to their attention.

Note: The absence or presence of an HCPCS code and its associated payment limit does not indicate Medicare coverage of the drug.

Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is September 27, 2004.

Related Instructions

CR3105, Transmittal 75, dated January 30, 2004, can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R75CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your carrier/intermediary regarding this change may be found by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1100TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier/intermediary 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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