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Billing Clarification for J2505 Pegfilgrastim

Note: This article was revised on May 22, 2006 to show that it is now referred to as an MLN Matters article. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers who bill Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for Pegfilgrastim

Important Points to Remember

- CR4380 announces to providers that Medicare FIs will make payment for one unit for every 6 MG (or .06 ML) of Pegfilgrastim administered to the beneficiary.
- Make certain when billing for Pegfilgrastim that you show the correct number of multiples of 6 MG, **not** the number of MGs.
- Be aware that FIs will return to provider (RTP) any claim received for 6 units of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code J2505.

Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) learned that providers are billing incorrectly for Pegfilgrastim. An analysis of claims revealed a number of providers billing multiple units of J2505 per date of service. CMS also noted that many providers billing multiple units of J2505 were consistently billing 6 units per date of service, indicating that 36mg of Pefilgrastim were given.

HCPCS code J2505 is usually administered via a pre-filled syringe of 0.6 ML, which is equivalent to 6 MG of Pefilgrastim.

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Providers should ensure they are billing for the number of **multiples of 6 MG** administered rather than the **number of MGs** administered.

Incorrect billing may result in overpayments with subsequent recoupment and/or investigation.

Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is August 14, 2006.

Additional Information

The official instructions issued to your Medicare FI regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R949CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare FI 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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