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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 a 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.



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

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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 web site.

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.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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