



2005 APC ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

In the November 15, 2004 *Federal Register* (pages 65682 – 66233), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule implementing changes to the APC-based outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS) for services provided on or after January 1, 2005. Included in this final rule are additions and deletions to the clinically-based and payment policy APCs. Changes are summarized in the following tables.

1. **CLINICAL APC ADDITIONS:** CMS is adding 10 new clinical APCs in January 2005, as listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1: NEW CLINICAL APCs FOR JANUARY 2005

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI	PAYMENT RATE
315	LEVEL II IMPLANTATION OF NEUROSTIMULATOR	T	\$20,078.86
366	LEVEL III AUDIOMETRY	X	\$104.92
416	LEVEL I INTRAVASCULAR AND INTRACARDIAC ULTRASOUND AND FLOW RESERVE	S	\$274.56
417	COMPUTERIZED RECONSTRUCTION	S	\$266.72
418	INSERTION OF LEFT VENTRICULAR PACING ELECT.	T	\$4,246.04
421	PROLONGED PHYSIOLOGIC MONITORING	X	\$106.51
422	LEVEL II UPPER GI PROCEDURES	T	\$1,264.79
423	LEVEL II PERCUTANEOUS ABDOMINAL AND BILIARY PROCEDURES	T	\$1,753.39
425	LEVEL II ARTHROPLASTY WITH PROSTHESIS	T	\$5,562.26
426	LEVEL II STRAPPING AND CAST APPLICATION	S	\$113.81

2. **CLINICAL APC DELETIONS:** CMS is deleting four (4) clinical APCs, as listed in Table 2.

TABLE 2: CLINICAL APCs DELETED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2005

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI
271	MAMMOGRAPHY	S
410	MAMMOGRAM ADD ON	S
669	DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY	S
199	OBSTETRICAL CARE SERVICE	T

3. **PAYMENT-POLICY APC ADDITIONS:** CMS is adding three (3) new APCs for pass-through drugs (Table 3). In addition, a number of APCs for high-cost drugs are being added (Attachment 1).

TABLE 3: NEW PASS-THROUGH APCs FOR JANUARY 2005

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI	PAYMENT RATE
9220	SODIUM HYALURONATE	G	\$238.36
9221	GRAFTJACKET REG MATRIX	G	\$1,068.75
9222	GRAFTJACKET SFTTIS	G	\$743.38

4. **PAYMENT-POLICY APC DELETIONS:** CMS is deleting two (2) APCs for pass-through drugs and five (5) APCs for pass-through devices, as listed in Table 4. A number of APCs for high-cost drugs are also being deleted (Attachment 2).

TABLE 4: PASS-THROUGH APCs DELETED JANUARY 2005

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI
9113	INJ, PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM, VIAL	G
9116	INJ, ERTAPENEM SODIUM, PER 1 GM VIAL	G
1783	OCULAR IMPLANT, AQUEOUS DRAIN DEVICE	H
1884	EMBOLIZATION PROTECT SYST	H
1888	CATHETER, ABLATION, NON-CARDIAC, ENDOVASCULAR (IMPLANTABLE)	H
1900	LEAD CORONARY VENOUS	H
2614	PROBE, PERCUTANEOUS LUMBAR DISC	H

For additional information on all January APC and OPSS changes, see Industry *Insight 312, APC Payment System Updates for CY 2005: Final Rule*. Also be sure to check the HSS web site (www.hssweb.com) for up-to-date information on upcoming changes to Medicare's OPSS. *Hssweb* is updated on a regular basis with new and timely **Industry Insights**, as well as access to source documents and relevant statistics.

ATTACHMENT 1 – NEW HIGH COST DRUG (“K”) APCs

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI	PAYMENT RATE
0703	BUTORPHANOL TARTRATE	K	\$5.00
0729	INJECTION, MEROPENEM	K	\$36.26
0750	DOLASETRON MESYLATE	K	\$14.38
0768	ONDANSETRON HCL INJECTION	K	\$5.54
0769	ONDANSETRON HCL ORAL	K	\$26.12
0812	CARMUS BISCHL NITRO INJ	K	\$65.94
0822	DIETHYLSTILBESTROL INJECTION	K	\$6.98
0843	PEGASPARGASE	K	\$1,247.08
0845	PHENTOLAIN MESYLATE INJ	K	\$20.82
0846	CILASTATIN SODIUM INJECTION	K	\$11.37
0848	TESTOSTERONE ENANTHATE INJ	K	\$38.27
0866	FOSCARNET SODIUM INJECTION	K	\$11.80
0867	METHACHOLINE CHLORIDE, NEB	K	\$0.47
0887	AZATHIOPRINE PARENTERAL	K	\$30.18
0967	SPLIT UNIT OF BLOOD	K	\$82.81
0968	PLATELETS LEUKOCYTE REDUCED IRRADIATED	K	\$154.24
0969	RED BLOOD CELL LEUKOCYTE REDUCED IRRADIATED	K	\$205.59
1046	INJ, MOXIFLOXACIN	K	\$8.75
1049	THIAMINE HCL	K	\$0.95
1050	PYRIDOXINE HCL	K	\$2.64
1052	INJECTION, VORICONAZOLE	K	\$4.54
1062	ACYCLOVIR	K	\$0.03
1070	DOPAMINE HCL	K	\$0.81
1082	TREPROSTINIL	K	\$54.02
1083	INJECTION, ADALIMUMAB	K	\$620.64
1085	INJECTION, GALLIUM NITRATE	K	\$0.23
1093	TC99M FANOLESOMAB	K	\$1,045.80
1602	TECHNETIUM TC 99M APCITIDE	K	\$415.00
7003	EPOPROSTENOL INJECTION	K	\$15.78
7005	GONADORELIN HYDROCH	K	\$17.08
7022	ELLIOTTS B SOLUTION PER ML	K	\$1.50
7308	AMINOLEVULINIC ACID HCL TOP	K	\$88.76
9026	HIGH DOSE CONTRAST MRI	K	\$26.24
9027	SUPP-PARAMAGNETIC CONTRAST MATERIAL	K	\$35.59
9028	TETRACYCLIN INJECTION	K	\$99.99
9029	AMIODARONE HCL	K	\$11.00
9030	AMPHOTERICIN B	K	\$20.64
9031	ARBUTAMINE HCL INJECTION	K	\$68.08
9032	BACLOFEN 10 MG INJECTION	K	\$10.68
9033	CIDOFOVIR INJECTION	K	\$407.58
9034	BROMPHENIRAMINE MALEATE INJ	K	\$59.01
9035	MEDROXYPROGESTERONE INJECTION	K	\$17.56
9036	DIMETHYL SULFOXIDE 50%	K	\$53.34

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APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI	PAYMENT RATE
9037	METHADONE INJECTION	K	\$13.32
9038	INJ ESTROGEN CONJUGATE	K	\$45.51
9040	INTRAOCULAR FOMIVIRSEN NA	K	\$939.79
9041	GAMMA GLOBULIN INJ	K	\$31.63
9042	GLUCAGON HYDROCHLORIDE	K	\$46.16
9044	IBUTILIDE FUMARATE INJECTION	K	\$123.79
9045	IRON DEXTRAN	K	\$14.78
9046	IRON SUCROSE INJECTION	K	\$0.53
9047	ITRACONAZOLE INJECTION	K	\$42.10
9048	INJ DESMOPRESSIN ACETATE	K	\$4.52
9049	INJ PROTIRELIN	K	\$40.81
9050	NA FERRIC GLUCONATE COMPLEX	K	\$6.03
9051	UREA INJECTION	K	\$69.74
9053	NASAL VACCINE INHALATION	K	\$92.41
9054	METABOLICALLY ACTIVE TISSUE	K	\$7.15
9055	INJECTABLE HUMAN TISSUE	K	\$8.05
9057	LEPIRUDIN	K	\$130.30
9206	INTEGRA	K	\$6.60
9435	GONADORELIN HYDROCH, BRAND	K	\$17.08
9436	AZATHIOPRINE PARENTERAL, BRAND	K	\$44.61
9437	CARMUS BISCHL NITRO INJ	K	\$79.42
9439	DIETHYLSTILBESTROL INJECTION	K	\$10.32
9507	PLATELETS, PHERESIS	K	\$437.76
9508	PLASMA, FROZEN W/IN 8 HOURS	K	\$63.35

ATTACHMENT 2 – DELETED HIGH COST DRUG (“K”) APCs

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI
0850	STREPTOZOCIN INJECTION, 1 GM	K
0884	RHO D IMMUNE GLOBULIN INJ, 1 DOSE PKG	K
0907	GANCICLOVIR SODIUM INJECTION	K
0913	GANCICLOVIR LONG ACT IMPLANT	K
1166	CYTARABINE LIPOSOME	K
1200	TC 99M SODIUM GLUCOHEPTONAT	K
1614	VALRUBICIN, 200 MG	K
9006	TACROLIMUS INJECTION	K
9100	IODINATED I-131ALBUMIN, PER 5 UCI	K
9109	TIROFLIBAN HCL, PER 6.25 MG	K
9412	GANCICLOVIR IMPLANT, BRAND	K