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CMS publishes the Quarterly Provider Update (QPU) at the beginning of each quarter to inform providers and suppliers:

- Regulations and major policies under development during the quarter
- Regulations and major policies completed or cancelled
- New or revised manual instructions

National Government Services – Articles for Part A and Part B Providers

LCD and Article Revisions for August 2020

The medical policies and related articles can be found in our [Medical Policy Center](#).

Billing and Coding: Bevacizumab and biosimilars (A52370)

Based on compendia review, ICD-10-CM codes C22.0, C22.8 and C22.9 have been added effective for dates of service on or after 8/1/2020.

Billing and Coding: Filgrastim, Pegfilgrastim, Tbo-filgrastim and biosimilars (A52408)

Based on Transmittal 10196 (CR 11792 - Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes - July 2020 Update), - C9058 has been deleted and replaced with HCPCS code Q5120 to report pegfilgrastim-bmez. Outdated information has been removed.

Billing and Coding: Hyaluronans Intra-articular Injections of (A52420)

Based on Transmittal 10165 (CR 11792 - July 2020 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 21.2), the article has been updated to add HCPCS code J7333 for Visco-3™. The terminology for HCPCS code J7321 has been revised.

Billing and Coding: Infliximab and biosimilars (A52423)

Based on Transmittal 10120 (CR 11788 - Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - July 2020 Update), HCPCS code Q5121 has been added to report infliximab-axxq effective for dates of service on or after 7/1/2020. Coding guidelines 1 and 2 have been revised to include “biosimilars”. Coding guideline 2 has been revised to add JW modifier language. Coding guidelines 3 and 4 have been deleted.

Billing and Coding: Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) (A52446)

ICD-10-CM code M30.3 has been added effective for dates of service on or after 10/1/2015.

Billing and Coding: Paclitaxel (e.g., Taxol®/Abraxane™) (A52450)

Based on compendia review, ICD-10-CM code Z85.49 has been added to Group 2 for paclitaxel effective for dates of service on or after 8/1/2020.

Billing and Coding: Rituximab, biosimilars and Rituximab and hyaluronidase human (Rituxan Hycela™) (A52452)

Based on Transmittal 10196 (CR 11769 - Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes - July 2020 Update), HCPCS code Q5119 has been added to the article to report rituximab-pvvr effective for dates of service on or after 2/3/2020.

Pain Management (L33622)

Based on Transmittal 10128, (CR 11755 - National Coverage Determination (NCD 30.3.3): Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain (cLBP), the LCD has been revised to add: Effective 1/21/2020, Medicare will cover all types of acupuncture including dry needling for chronic low back pain within specific guidelines in accordance with NCD 30.3.3.

Billing and Coding: Pain Management (A52863)

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back pain within specific guidelines in accordance with NCD 30.3.3. CPT codes 64625 and 64999 have been moved to Group 5 in the CPT/HCPC Code Group section.

Prostate Rectal Spacers (L37485)

Added coverage associated with moderate hypofractionated RTX, effective for services rendered on or after 8/1/2020.