

Medicare Part B drug payment policy issues

ISSUE: Medicare pays for most Part B covered drugs administered in physician offices and hospital outpatient departments and furnished by suppliers based on the average sales price (ASP) plus 6 percent.

KEY POINTS: At the March meeting, we will continue our discussion about potential changes to payment policy for Part B drugs.

ACTION: Commissioners should be prepared to discuss these issues in anticipation of a Chairman's draft recommendation being presented at the March meeting.