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COVID-19: EUA for Sotrovimab Monoclonal Antibody Product

On May 26, the FDA released an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for sotrovimab, a COVID-19 monoclonal antibody product. CMS created new HCPCS codes, effective May 26, for sotrovimab and to administer sotrovimab in health care settings and the home:

Q0247:

- Long descriptor: Injection, sotrovimab, 500 mg
- Short descriptor: Sotrovimab
- Price: The government won't provide this drug for free; visit the [COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies](#) webpage for pricing information (available soon)

M0247:

- Long Descriptor: Intravenous infusion, sotrovimab, includes infusion and post administration monitoring
- Short Descriptor: Sotrovimab infusion
- Price: \$450.00 per infusion

M0248:

- Long Descriptor: Intravenous infusion, sotrovimab, includes infusion and post administration monitoring in the home or residence; this includes a beneficiary's home that has been made provider-based to the hospital during the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Short Descriptor: Sotrovimab inf, home admin
- Price: \$750.00 per infusion

More Information:

- [Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers](#)
- [Monoclonal Antibody COVID-19 Infusion](#) webpage

COVID-19: EUA for Regeneron Monoclonal Antibody Product Casirivimab & Imdevimab

On June 3, the FDA released a revised Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Regeneron's COVID-19 monoclonal antibody combination product casirivimab and imdevimab. The updated EUA includes a new dosing regimen (1200 mg vs. 2400 mg) and allows a new route of administration. In response to this change, CMS created a new HCPCS code, effective June 3, and updated the short and long code descriptors for 2 codes:

New HCPCS Code Q0244:

- Long descriptor: Injection, casirivimab and imdevimab, 1200 mg
- Short descriptor: Casirivi and imdevi 1200 mg
- Price: \$0.01

Updated HCPCS Code M0243:

- Long descriptor: *Intravenous infusion or subcutaneous injection, casirivimab and imdevimab includes infusion or injection, and post administration monitoring*
- Short descriptor: *Casirivi and imdevi inj*
- Price: \$450

Updated HCPCS Code M0244:

- Long descriptor: *Intravenous infusion or subcutaneous injection, casirivimab and imdevimab includes infusion or injection, and post administration monitoring in the home or residence; this includes a beneficiary's home that has been made provider-based to the hospital during the COVID-19 public health emergency*
- Short descriptor: *Casirivi and imdevi inj hm*
- Price: \$750

When the government provides monoclonal antibody products to treat COVID-19 for free, you should only bill for the administration. Don't include the monoclonal antibody product codes on the claim.

More Information:

- [Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers](#)
- [Monoclonal Antibody COVID-19 Infusion](#) webpage

Men's Health: Medicare Covers Preventive Services

Medicare covers preventive services, and your patients pay nothing if you accept assignment. During Men's Health Week, encourage your male patients to make their health a priority.

More Information:

- [Medicare Preventive Services](#) educational tool
- [Preventive Services](#) webpage
- [Men's Health Week](#) webpage

- Information for your patients on [preventive and screening services](#)

Compliance

Hospice Care: Safeguards for Medicare Patients

An [Office of Inspector General report](#) focused on hospice:

- Quality of care and common deficiencies
- Instances of patient harm and vulnerabilities

Review the [Safeguards for Medicare Patients in Hospice Care](#) fact sheet to recognize and address deficiencies in care and protect your patients from harm. Additional resources:

- [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 11](#), Section 30.1
- [Eldercare Locator](#) website
- [Contact Information for Filing a Complaint with the State Survey Agency](#)

Events

HCPSC Public Meeting — Begins July 7

July 7 and 8 (July 9 if needed)

Attend a virtual public meeting for the first 2021 biannual HCPSC coding cycle. Visit the [HCPSC Public Meetings](#) webpage for more information, including meeting materials:

- [Guidelines for Participation](#)
- [Agenda for July 7](#)
- [Agenda for July 8](#)

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[Learn about this change for COVID-19 laboratory service claims.](#)

Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) - October 2021

[Learn about changes to HCPCS codes, ZIP codes, and single payment amounts.](#)

Quarterly Update to Home Health (HH) Grouper

[Learn about annual diagnosis code changes.](#)

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[Read additional information on Section 405 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.](#)

Publications

Medicare Mental Health — Revised

[Medicare Mental Health](#) Medicare Learning Network booklet: Clarified nurse practitioner coverage requirements.

Medicare Secondary Payer — Revised

[Medicare Secondary Payer](#) Medicare Learning Network booklet: Clarified policy on accepting payment for services if another insurer is primary.

Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule Billing — Revised

[Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule Billing](#) Medicare Learning Network fact sheet: Added information on temporary emergency coverage without a qualifying hospital stay due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Multimedia

World of Medicare Web-Based Training — Revised

[World of Medicare](#) Medicare Learning Network (MLN) web-based training course: Learn about:

- Parts A, B, C, and D
- Patient eligibility, enrollment, and benefit options
- Role of providers, agencies, contractors, and organizations
- Steps to enroll as a Medicare provider

Visit the [MLN Web-Based Training](#) webpage for a current list of courses.

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