

URGENT MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Financial Officers – All Hospitals

From: Dennis N. Phelps – Deputy Director-Audit & Compliance

Date: March 23, 2021

Re: Reporting and Charging for the Administration of new Monoclonal Antibodies Therapy

Effective March 15, 2021, CMS added a new Monoclonal Antibodies therapy, infusion of Bamian and etesev, to the two therapies approved on December 4, 2020.

Below you will find the reporting and charging information for the new therapy.

| HSPCS Code | Short Descriptor | Name | Administration Monitoring | Payment Allowance |
|------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| M0245 | Bamian and etesev | Eli Lilly | Intravenous Infusion | \$309.60 |

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The charge for all hospitals for the COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapies is \$309.60. All hospitals are to set the number of RVUs per administration using the standard CL RVUs per Appendix D of the Accounting and Reporting Manual for non-chemotherapeutic IV injections and infusions (12 RVUs first hour & 6 RVUs for each subsequent hour). To ensure consistency, hospitals should base the number of RVUs on the average time required for the administration.

Consistent with its policy for COVID-19 testing, the HSCRC is setting statewide standardized tiered outpatient Clinic (CL) charges based on Medicare Payment Allowances for the administration of COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies Therapies for all patients for the duration of Maryland's State of Emergency.

There should be no additional E&M CL facility fee charges for patients receiving the COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies Therapy. Should these patients require services in addition to administration, because of complications for instance, such services may be billed by a physician or other clinician who can bill for his/her professional services, but not by the hospital. The provider and the hospital may not both charge for the administration of the therapies; only one entity may bill.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at dennis.phelps@maryland.gov.