



Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes – October 2018 Update

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October 1, 2018, for Q5110
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Note: This article was revised on September 20, 2018, to delete the note that stated MACs should hold claims for Q5108 and Q5110 until CR10834 is implemented, since that is no longer a requirement. All other information remains the same.

PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended for physicians, providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The HCPCS code set is updated on a quarterly basis. CR 10834 informs MACs of the October 2018 addition of new HCPCS codes, Q5108 and Q5110. The codes are payable by Medicare effective with dates of service on or after July 12, 2018, for Q5108 and effective with dates of service on or after October 1, 2018, for Q5110.

The short descriptor for Q5108 is Injection, fulphila, and the long descriptor is Injection, pegfilgrastim-jmdb, biosimilar, (fulphila), 0.5 mg. The Type of Service (TOS) Codes for Q5108 are 1, P.

The short descriptor for Q5110 is Nivestym, and the long descriptor is Injection, filgrastim-aafi, biosimilar, (nivestym), 1 microgram. The TOS Codes for Q5110 are 1, P. The Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) Status Indicator for both codes is E.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 10834, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R4134CP.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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September 20, 2018	The article was revised to delete the note that stated MACs should hold claims for Q5108 and Q5110 until CR10834 is implemented, since that is no longer a requirement.
September 13, 2018	This article was revised on September 13, 2018, due to a revised CR 10834 that added a new HCPCS code, Q5110 (Injection, filgrastim-aafi, biosimilar, (nivestym), 1 microgram). The CR release date, transmittal number and link to the transmittal also changed.
August 10, 2018	Initial article released.

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