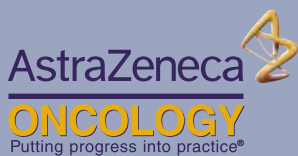




AstraZeneca Cancer Support Network



This program is presented for informational purposes only and is not intended to provide reimbursement or legal advice. Laws, regulations, and policies concerning reimbursement are complex and are updated frequently. Please consult with your counsel or reimbursement specialist for any reimbursement or billing questions.



Reimbursement
Education
Teleconference
Series

March–May 2006

Introduction

AstraZeneca is pleased to offer you this series of educational programs to increase your understanding of reimbursement-related changes resulting from the Medicare Modernization Act.

This service is in addition to the wide range of support and assistance we already make available to your practice via the AstraZeneca Cancer Support Network (AZ CSN). These include services such as

- Primary coverage and benefit verification
- Researching alternate coverage options
- Procedures for submitting and appealing claims
- Claims coding procedures
- Payer policies
- Prior authorization policies
- Product information
- Patient educational resources

Four modules are available to meet specific educational needs across multiple sites of care. Content is continually updated as additional information becomes available from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We are confident you will find these programs informative and useful for your site of care. There are a number of dates and times available, so take a moment to look over the material. You can choose any one of the programs that best fits your individual needs. It is easy to register. Simply fill out a request form, and fax per the instructions, or call 1-800-447-8322.

We hope you find this series helpful in navigating the complex and ever-changing reimbursement environment.



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Teleconference Overview

The focus of this presentation is an in-depth look at the new Part D prescription drug benefit for seniors. We will provide information regarding prescription drug benefit plan structures, including Medicare Advantage plans, where to locate additional information from Medicare specific to your region, and how to identify those patients who may qualify for extra help with the cost of the Part D benefit. Also provided will be an overview of the support services available through the AstraZeneca Cancer Support Network (AZ CSN).

Learning Objectives

- Provide an overview of the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit
- Explain the timeline and enrollment process for Medicare Part D
- Identify patients who may be eligible to apply for Part D low income subsidy assistance
- List the services available to providers and patients through AZ CSN
- Understand how to access AZ CSN

Target Audience

- Practice administrators/managers
- Physicians and midlevel providers
- Financial counseling staff
- Nursing staff
- Patient advocates



Teleconference Overview

This presentation provides a high-level overview of Medicare. The program begins by providing a state of Medicare overview including details regarding funding sources, key statistics, and industry trends including discussion of state Medicaid programs. Particular attention is placed on reforms that are called for in the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) and that are being implemented by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); identification of changes that have occurred over the past several years; and looking forward to changes expected for 2006 and beyond. Resources available through the AstraZeneca Cancer Support Network (AZ CSN) and the AstraZeneca Foundation Patient Assistance Program are reviewed.

Learning Objectives

- Understand how Medicare is funded and expectations for funding in the future
- Identify current and ongoing changes brought about by the MMA
- Describe the transition to Medicare Administrator Contractors (MAC)
- Explain Medicare Contractor Reform (MCR) basics and the timeline for implementation
- Discuss CMS' rationale and strategy to increase beneficiary enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans
- Identify the resources available to providers and patients through the AZ CSN

Target Audience

- Practice administrators/managers
- Physicians and midlevel providers
- Billing and accounts receivable personnel
- Nursing staff



Teleconference Overview

This presentation provides key highlights regarding changes to the Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS) for 2006. Discussion includes coding changes for 2006 and payment methodologies for Part B-covered drugs and administration services in the hospital outpatient setting. Also covered is an overview of Medicare Part D, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicaid programs. Private payer considerations such as contracting, reimbursement review, and claims denials and appeals steps are reviewed. Information will be presented regarding the resources available through the AstraZeneca Cancer Support Network (AZ CSN) and the AstraZeneca Foundation Patient Assistance Program.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the coding changes to the Medicare HOPPS for 2006 for Part B-covered drugs and administration services
- Discuss the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit and Medicare Advantage plans
- Develop awareness of the resources available through the AZ CSN

Target Audience

- Hospital administrators/department heads
- Hospital billing, accounts receivable personnel, and financial counselors
- Pharmacy directors/business managers



Teleconference Overview

This presentation focuses on oncology-related reimbursement issues specific to the physician office setting, including the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule changes for 2006 and new therapy administration codes. An overview of the Medicare reimbursement methodology specifically for AstraZeneca oncology drugs covered under Medicare Part B and the new and changing Medicare programs for 2006 is provided. Private payer considerations such as reimbursement review and claims denials and appeals steps are reviewed. Information will be presented regarding the resources available through the AstraZeneca Cancer Support Network (AZ CSN) and the AstraZeneca Foundation Patient Assistance Program.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for 2006
- Understand coding changes for therapy administration services
- Understand the coding and reimbursement changes related to the Oncology Demonstration Project for 2006
- Review Medicare reimbursement methodology changes for Part B-covered drugs
- Describe private payer issues related to claims denials and managed care contracting
- Provide an overview of the resources available through the AZ CSN

Target Audience

- Practice administrators/managers
- Billing and accounts receivable personnel
- Physicians and midlevel providers
- Nursing staff

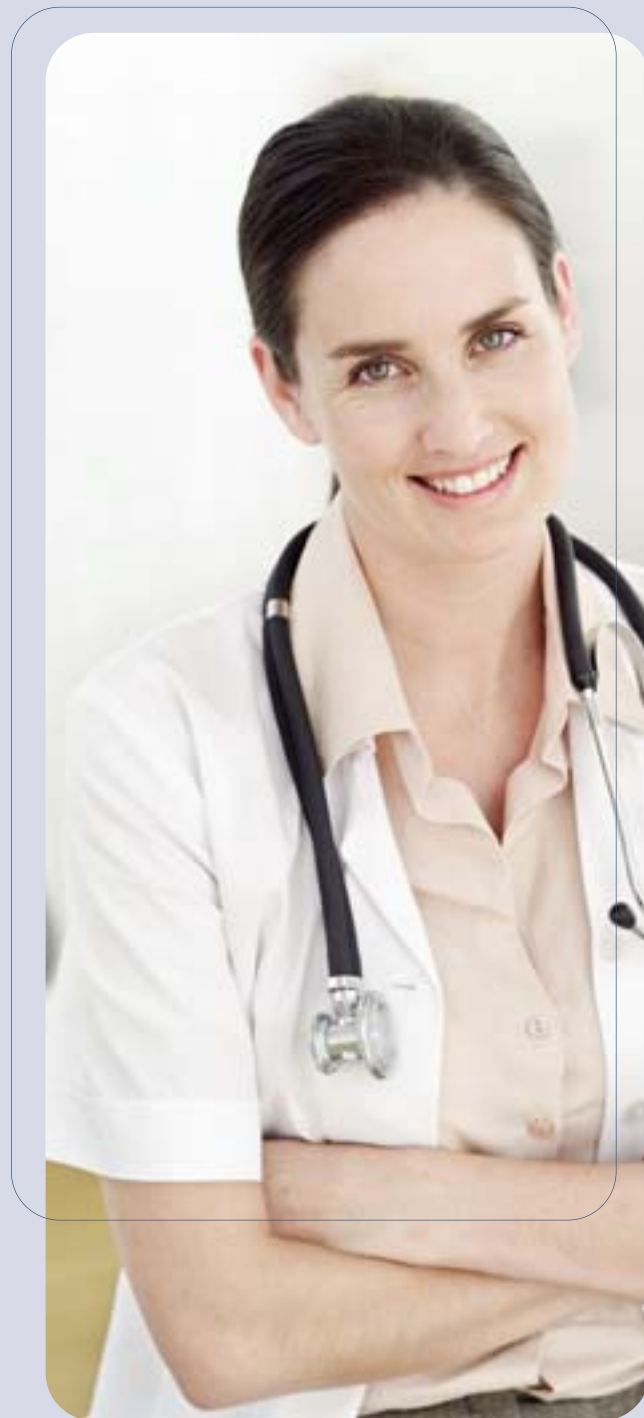


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Phase IV Proposed Calendar

Day	Date	Module	Time (EST)
TUES	Apr 4	Module 3	Noon
WED	Apr 5	Module 4	Noon
THU	Apr 6	Module 3	3 PM
TUE	Apr 11	Module 2	2 PM
THU	Apr 13	Module 4	1 PM
MON	Apr 17	Module 1	3 PM
TUES	Apr 18	Module 4	2 PM
WED	Apr 19	Module 1	Noon
TUES	Apr 25	Module 3	2 PM
WED	Apr 26	Module 4	3 PM
TUES	May 2	Module 1	2 PM
WED	May 3	Module 2	1 PM
THU	May 4	Module 4	Noon
TUE	May 9	Module 1	Noon
WED	May 10	Module 3	1 PM
THU	May 11	Module 2	1 PM
MON	May 15	Module 2	3 PM
WED	May 17	Module 4	1 PM
TUES	May 23	Module 3	2 PM
WED	May 24	Module 2	Noon
TUES	June 6	Module 4	2 PM
WED	June 7	Module 2	Noon
THU	June 8	Module 4	3 PM
MON	June 12	Module 3	2 PM
WED	June 14	Module 2	3 PM
THU	June 15	Module 1	Noon
TUE	June 20	Module 3	3 PM
WED	June 21	Module 4	Noon
MON	June 26	Module 3	Noon
WED	June 28	Module 2	2 PM

Please make time zone adjustments, as needed



How to Register

Three easy ways to register

Please select one of the following methods.

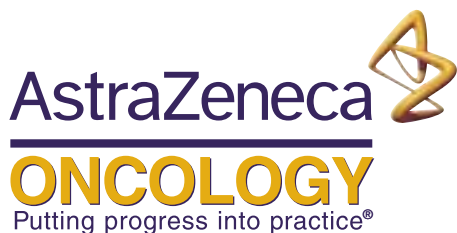
1. Call 1.800.447.1155, and reference the AZ CSN and Reimbursement Education teleconferences.
2. E-mail registration@aristamktg.com and reference the A485 series. Include registration information at right.
3. Photocopy form, fill out, and fax to 1.800.442.8322.

Please be sure to note your program selection when registering.

Note: Teleconference materials will be sent prior to your registered event. Please respond in a timely manner to ensure receipt of your materials.

You will be provided with a toll-free call-in number and password when you register.

We look forward to your participation at the teleconferences!



Registration Form

Reimbursement Education
Teleconference Series

Fax Form to 1.800.442.8322

Program Selection	
Physician name	
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