

(v) A statement of the reasons why the ground ambulance organization does not agree with CMS' determination and any supporting documentation.

(f) *Public availability of data.* Beginning in 2024, and at least once every 2 years thereafter, CMS will post on its website data that it collected under this section, including but not limited to summary statistics and ground ambulance organization characteristics.

(g) *Limitations on review.* There is no administrative or judicial review under section 1869 or section 1878 of the Act, or otherwise of the data required for submission under paragraph (b) of this section or the selection of ground ambulance organizations under paragraph (c) of this section.

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Subpart I—Payment for Drugs and Biologicals

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§ 414.701 Purpose.

This subpart implements section 1842(o) of the Act by specifying the methodology for determining the payment allowance limit for drugs and biologicals covered under Part B of Title XVIII of the Act (hereafter in this subpart referred to as the “program”) that are not paid on a cost or prospective payment system basis. Examples of drugs that are subject to the rules contained in this subpart are: Drugs furnished incident to a physician's service; durable medical equipment (DME) drugs; separately billable drugs at independent dialysis facilities not under the ESRD composite rate; statutorily covered drugs, for example, influenza, pneumococcal, hepatitis, and COVID-19 vaccines, antigens, hemophilia blood clotting factor, immunosuppressive drugs and certain oral anticancer drugs.

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§ 414.704 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following definition applies. *Drug* refers to both drugs and biologicals.

§ 414.707 Basis of payment.

(a) *Method of payment.* (1) Payment for a drug in calendar year 2004 is based on the lesser of—

(i) The actual charge on the claim for program benefits; or

(ii) 85 percent of the average wholesale price determined as of April 1, 2003, subject to the exceptions as specified in paragraphs (a)(2) through (a)(8) of this section.

(2) The payment limits for the following drugs are calculated using 95 percent of the average wholesale price:

(i) Blood clotting factors.

(ii) A drug or biological furnished during 2004 that was not available for Medicare payment as of April 1, 2003.

(iii) Pneumococcal, influenza, and COVID-19 vaccines as well as hepatitis B vaccine that is furnished to individuals at high or intermediate risk of contracting hepatitis B (as defined in § 410.63(a) of this subchapter).

(iv) A drug or biological furnished during 2004 in connection with the furnishing of renal dialysis services if separately billed by renal dialysis facilities.

(3) The payment limits for infusion drugs furnished through a covered item of durable medical equipment are calculated using 95 percent of the average wholesale price in effect on October 1, 2003.

(4) The payments limits for drugs contained in the following table are calculated based on the percentages of the average wholesale price determined as of April 1, 2003 that are specified in the table.

Drug	Percentage used to calculate 2004 payment limit
EPOETIN ALFA	87
LEUPROLIDE ACETATE	81
GOSERELIN ACETATE	80
RITUXIMAB	81
PACLITAXEL	81
DOCETAXEL	80
CARBOPLATIN	81
IRINOTECAN	80
GEMCITABINE HCL	80
PAMIDRONATE DISODIUM	85