



## Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes - July 2020 Update

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### PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

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This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for drug and biological services.

### PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

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CR 11769 updates the HCPCS code set for codes related to drugs and biologicals. Please alert your billing staffs of these updates.

### KEY POINTS

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Beginning July 1, 2020, the following HCPCS codes are payable for Medicare with the dates of service as indicated:

Effective for claims with date of service on or after February 3, 2020

- Q5119 - Injection rituximab-pvvr, biosimilar (Ruxience) 10 mg

Effective for claims with date of service on or after November 15, 2019

- Q5120 - Injection pegfilgrastin-bmez, biosimilar (Ziextenzo) 0.5 mg

For both of the above codes the Type of Service codes are 1, P and the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base Status Indicator is E.

## BACKGROUND

The updated quarterly HCPCS complete code set and effective dates for new codes are available at:

- <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/Alpha-Numeric-HCPCS>
- <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update>

Drug payment policy needs may require the refinement of dates that are associated with the initial use of a code.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, MM11769 issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10196CP.pdf>. If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

## DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date of Change	Description
July 6, 2020	Initial article released.

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