

Carrier	States Covered	Erythropoietin Policy Changed?	Policy Change Effective Date	Affected drug(s)	Instructions for reporting chemotherapy-induced anemia (which ICD-9 codes)
Noridian	AK, AZ, CO, HI, IA, MT, ND, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY	Yes. https://www.noridianmedicare.com/cgi-bin/coranto/viewnews.cgi?id=EEZFkVZJQXHjmb&tmpl=part_b_viewnews&style=part_ab_viewnews	March 5, 2007	Darbepoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewlcd.asp?lcd_id=21176&lcd_version=11&show=all
NHIC	CA, MA, ME, NH, VT	Yes. http://www.medicarenhic.com/providers/articles/erythropoietinlcd_0307.htm	March 9, 2007	Epoetin alfa and Darbepoetin alfa	Coding for Darbepoetin Alfa (J0881) or Epoetin Alfa (J0885) for "anemia secondary to chemotherapy" Please submit claims for Darbepoetin Alfa (J0881) or Epoetin Alfa (J0885) for "anemia secondary to chemotherapy" with the following coding: 285.22 Anemia in neoplastic disease, AND one of the following: V58.11 Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy, or V67.2 Following chemotherapy http://www.medicarenhic.com/ne_prov/articles/alfacodingne_0307.htm or http://www.medicarenhic.com/cal_prov/articles/alfacodingca_0307.htm
National Government Services	NY	Yes. http://www.empiremedicare.com/newypolicy/policy/18897_final.htm	March 26, 2007	Epoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.empiremedicare.com/newypolicy/policy/18897_final.htm
National Government Services	NJ	Yes. http://www.empiremedicare.com/newipolicy/policy/13562_final.htm	March 26, 2007	Epoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.empiremedicare.com/newipolicy/policy/13562_final_guideline.htm
National Government Services	IN, KY	Yes. http://www.adminastar.com/Providers/Carrier/medicalpolicy/in/files/INLCD_ErythropoietinAnalogues_R7.htm	March 15, 2007	Epoetin alfa and Darbepoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.adminastar.com/Providers/Carrier/medicalpolicy/IN/files/INSIAErythropoietinAnaloguesA21217.htm or http://www.adminastar.com/Providers/Carrier/medicalpolicy/KY/files/KYSIAErythropoietinAnaloguesA21219.htm
Wisconsin Physician Services	IL, MN, MI, WI	Yes. http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/pdfs/epo_coverage.pdf	April 1, 2007	Epoetin alfa and Darbepoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/pdfs/epo_coverage.pdf
Cigna	ID, NC, TN	Yes. http://www.cignagovernmentservices.com/partb/whatsnew.html	April 1, 2007	Epoetin alfa and Darbepoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewlcd.asp?lcd_id=22203&lcd_version=8&show=all
Highmark Medicare Services	PA	Yes. http://www.highmarkmedicareservices.com/policy/parta/i/1/md-06-14-r2.html	March 19, 2007	Epoetin alfa and Darbepoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.highmarkmedicareservices.com/policy/parta/i/1/md-06-14-r2.html
TrailBlazer	DC, DE, MD, TX, VA	Yes. http://www.the-medicare.com/notices.asp?action=detail&id=4166	March 12, 2007	Darbepoetin alfa	There will now be a dual diagnosis requirement for the covered indication for DPO (J0881) of anemia as a result of cancer chemotherapy. The primary ICD-9-CM diagnosis code MUST be 285.9, used to indicate symptomatic anemia. The secondary ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes required to complete the dual diagnosis requirement are V58.11 or V67.2. Use V58.11 to represent a patient with non-myeloid malignancy actively receiving chemotherapy that is causing the anemia. Use V67.2 to represent a patient with anemia caused by chemotherapy received for a non-myeloid malignancy within the previous three months of the DPO injection. TrailBlazer recommends (not required) the inclusion of the non-myeloid malignancy ICD-9-CM diagnosis code requiring chemotherapy on the claim, if diagnoses fields will accommodate the extra code. Claims for darbepoetin alfa that do not meet the new dual diagnosis requirement indicating anemia AND current or recent cancer chemotherapy will be automatically denied on or after March 19, 2007.
First Coast	CT, FL	Yes. http://www.floridamedicare.com/partb_whatsnew_NESP_%20Darbepoetin%20alfa%20%28Aranesp%AE%29%20%28Novel%20erythropoiesis%20stimulating.asp	April 19, 2007	Darbepoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.floridamedicare.com/partb_whatsnew_NESP_%20Darbepoetin%20alfa%20%28Aranesp%AE%29%20%28Novel%20erythropoiesis%20stimulating.asp
Cahaba	AL, GA, MS	Yes. https://www.cahabagba.com/part_b/whats_new/20070403_aranesp_epoetin_alfa.htm	May 1, 2007	Epoetin alfa and Darbepoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: https://www.cahabagba.com/part_b/whats_new/20070403_aranesp_epoetin_alfa.htm
Pinnacle Medicare Services	AR, NM, OK, MO, RI, LA	Yes. http://www.arkmedicare.com/provider/medpolb/ac05004.asp	March 29, 2007	Epoetin alfa and Darbepoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.arkmedicare.com/provider/medpolb/ac05004.asp
Group Health, Inc.	NY - Queens	Yes. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewlcd.asp?lcd_id=4053&lcd_version=20&show=all	March 26, 2007	Epoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.ghimedicare.com/provider/serve.php?page=whatsnew.html&news_id=495
HealthNow	NY- Upstate	Yes. http://www.umd.nycpic.com/proveduc-ESAs.html	March 26, 2007	Epoetin alfa and Darbepoetin alfa	Revised Coding Guideline: http://www.umd.nycpic.com/proveduc-ESAs.html