



ESA Reporting

Effective for services on or after January 1, 2008, you must report the most recent hemoglobin or hematocrit levels on any claim for a Medicare patient receiving:

- 1) ESA administrations, or
- 2) Part B anti-anemia drugs other than ESAs used in the treatment of cancer that are not self-administered.

In addition, non-ESRD claims for the administration of ESAs must also contain one of three new HCPCS modifiers.

Reporting the hemoglobin or hematocrit (required for both ESAs and anti-anemia drugs other than ESAs)

Three required elements:

1. TR = test results
2. R1 = hemoglobin or R2 = hematocrit
3. Most recent numeric test result (a 3-position numeric element xx.x). Note that results exceeding 3-position numeric elements are reported as three elements (ex. 10.50 is reported as 10.5).

Paper claims

Report hemoglobin or hematocrit on line 19 of the CMS-1500 claim form.

Electronic claims

Report results in Loop 2400 MEA segment. MEA01=TR; MEA02=R1 (for hemoglobin) or R2 (for hematocrit); MEA03=the test results (3 position max).

Examples:

If the most recent hemoglobin result is 10.50, providers should enter: TR/R1/10.5.

If the most recent hematocrit result is 32.3, providers should enter: TR/R2/32.3.

Modifiers

Also effective January 1, 2008, all non-ESRD ESA claims must report one (and only one) of the following three modifiers on the same line as the ESA HCPCS code.

EA: ESA, anemia, chemo-induced



EB: ESA, anemia, radio-induced

EC: ESA, anemia, non-chemo/radio

Examples:

Patient receives ESA for chemotherapy induced anemia. Code as J088x EA

Patient receives ESA for radiation induced anemia. Code as J088x EB

Some Medicare carriers/MACs also require the use of the EJ modifier for subsequent administrations of ESAs.

Examples:

Patient receives subsequent administration of ESA for chemotherapy induced anemia.

Code as J088x EA EJ

Patient receives subsequent administration of ESA for radiation induced anemia.

Code as J088x EB EJ