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How to Report Regneron's REGN-COV2

A new investigational monoclonal antibody therapy for Medicare patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 warrants new codes. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced Dec. 3 that it is implementing two new HCPCS Level II codes for Regeneron's antibody casirivimab and imdevimab (REGN-COV2), effective for dates of service on or after Nov. 21. [Learn More »](#)

Miscoded Acute Stroke Diagnoses Costs Millions

More than \$14.4 million in inaccurate payments were made to Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations due to the submission of incorrect acute stroke diagnosis codes by traditional Medicare providers, as per an audit performed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG). [Learn More »](#)

Expect Give and Take in 2021 Physician Fee Schedule

After a slight delay, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has finalized 2021 payments and policies under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). Most notably, the final rule makes permanent several telehealth flexibilities introduced during the public health emergency (PHE) for the COVID-19 pandemic while also significantly overhauling reimbursements for many services related to primary care and chronic disease management. [Learn More »](#)

OPPS Final Rule Eliminates Inpatient Only List

On Dec. 2, 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System final rule for calendar year (CY) 2021. The final rule aims to provide Medicare recipients with more choices when it comes to surgery, including lower-cost options. [Learn More »](#)

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