

Hemospray Receives Additional Reimbursement

Hemospray Eligible for Transitional Pass-Through Payments

What is Transitional Pass-Through Payment (TPT)?

The Medicare Transitional Pass-through (TPT) payment program used by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) was established to provide additional payment for new technologies/services in Medicare's Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS). The intent of the additional payments is to provide a temporary payment mechanism for the use of new technologies in addition to the procedural payment amount the hospital would otherwise receive. The TPT payments are provided until CMS has an appropriate number of claims data for rate setting that reflected the added costs of the new technology.

How does CMS decide which technologies receive TPT?

To be eligible for TPT, a technology must meet three criteria: 1) the technology must be considered new; 2) the technology must add significant cost to a procedure; 3) the technology must show substantial clinical improvement over current standards of care. In the calendar year (CY) 2021 final rule published by CMS, it was determined that Hemospray meets all three criteria.

Who is eligible for TPT payments?

Hospitals paid under the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and ambulatory surgery centers will be eligible for TPT payments.

When does the payment go into effect?

Hospitals will be eligible to receive TPT payments beginning January 1, 2021, for a period of up to 3 years.

HCPCS Code

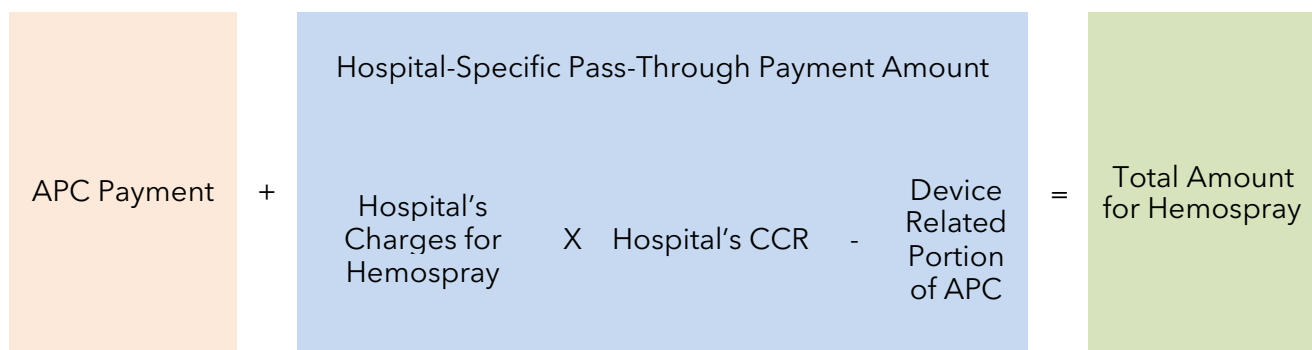
The following HCPCS code **MUST** be reported on the claim for a hospital to be eligible for TPT.

C1052 (Hemostatic agent, gastrointestinal, topical)

Payment Calculation

Medicare determines the TPT payment amount on a case-by-case basis for each hospital; it is not a standard amount. The TPT payment amount is calculated based on:

- **Hospital's charges** for the new technology, which includes a hospital's charge adjustment or markup to account for its operating and capital costs;
- **Hospital's cost-to-charge ratio (CCR)**, which Medicare applies to the charges submitted to determine the estimated costs of items and services on the claim form; and
- The **device related portion of the relevant APC** payment amount.



Applicable CPT Codes

Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC)	CPT Codes	Medicare Payment Amount ¹ (National Avg.)
5302 (Level 2 Upper GI Procedures)	43227, 43255, 44366, 44378	\$1,741.59
5312 (Level 2 Lower GI Procedures)	44391, 45334, 45382	\$1,082.91

¹ CY 2023 Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System

Transitional Pass-Through Payment Calculation Example HCPCS Code C1052 (Hemostatic agent, gastrointestinal, topical)

Description	Amount
Hospital Purchase Price	\$2,450
Facility Markup	X 3
Hospital Charges to Medicare for Hemospray	\$7,350
Hospital Cost to Charge Ratio (CCR)	X 0.3
Medicare Calculated Cost for Hemospray	\$2,205
Minus Device Offset for APC 5302	- \$168
TPT Payment for Hemospray	\$2,037
Minus Hospital Purchase Price	- \$2,450
Hospital Cost to Add Hemospray	\$413

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