Information Sources for Medicare Part B Drug CAP Bid Price Ceilings Updated with new links December 15, 2005

As stated in the November 21, 2005 Final Rule (70 FR 70239), bids for the individual drugs listed by HCPCS code in Addendum G.- Revised New Drugs for CAP Bidding for 2006 (70 FR 70471) will not be accepted if they are higher than 106 percent of ASP.. Therefore the ceiling on acceptable bids for each HCPCS code listed in Addendum G is 106 percent of ASP for that specific HCPCS code. Similarly, as stated in 70 FR 70246 and 70 FR 39071, the composite bid ceiling for the group of HCPCS codes listed in Addendum F- Revised Single Drug Category List (70 FR 70469) is also 106 percent of the weighted ASP for the drugs in the single drug category. Please note that an updated vendor application and drug bid form with corrected weights is posted in the Downloads section (near the bottom of the page) at

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/03 infovendors.asp . Do not use previously issued versions of the application or bid form.

For the 2006 CAP bidding process, the 106 percent of ASP values for the HCPCS Codes listed in Addendum G and Addendum F may be found in the payment limit column of the October 2005 ASP Pricing File and ASP NOC Pricing File. A link for this file can be found in the Download section of

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/02 aspfiles.asp

Note that some drugs with a newly issued HCPCS code may appear in the NOC tab of this spreadsheet.

Also, please note that the October 2005 ASP price file does not contain bid ceiling amounts for the newly split iron dextran codes, J 1751 and J 1752, which appear in Addendum G.- Revised New Drugs for CAP Bidding for 2006 (70 FR 70471). We are providing them separately below. The ASP + 6 bid ceiling prices for these codes were calculated from the same price information submitted by the product manufacturers that were used to create the October 2005 ASP Pricing File and ASP NOC Pricing File. Bids for these iron dextran products should not exceed the following payment limits:

Code	HI DI'S INSCRIPTOR	Oct ASP+6% (Payment limit)
J1751	Injection, Iron Dextran 165, 50 mg (Infed)	\$11.801
J1752	Injection, Iron Dextran 267, 50 mg (Dexferrum)	\$10.196

Summary of website links:

CAP updates: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/

Updated Vendor Application and Bid Form (go to Download section): http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/

October 2005 106 percent of ASP values (go to download section; see payment limit column):

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/02_aspfiles.asp

ASP website: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/