



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: May 19, 2020
Re: Convalescent Plasma Fee

Background

The cost for convalescent plasma ordered under the expanded access protocol (EAP) has been provided to the requesting hospital with no direct cost. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) was reimbursing the blood center directly for doses received under the EAP.

Update

BARDA has announced that the current levels of reimbursement will end this week, after which time, hospitals will be billed directly by blood collectors. We understand that BARDA is working with the Assistant Secretary of Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to identify other potential avenues for funding, but at this time, no additional sources have been identified to continue the reimbursements.

Impact to Client

- Units collected and distributed under the EAP or single patient emergency IND will have a \$750.00 charge effective May 23, 2020.
- There is no HCPCS code for COVID-19 convalescent plasma.
- Investigational items and services are excluded from coverage under Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) policy unless they are otherwise covered outside of the clinical trial.
- Medicare will not cover the costs of CCP furnished to patients under any of the investigational pathways.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions.