

TABLE 12.—ESTIMATES FOR 2004 TRANSITIONAL PASS-THROUGH SPENDING—Continued

New HCPC	APC	Drug biological	2004 pass-through payment portion	2004 estimated utilization	2004 anticipated pass-through payments
C9113 .....	9113	Inj Pantoprazole sodium, per vial .....	\$5.76	20,000	115,200
C9116 .....	9116	Ertapenum sodium, per 1 gm vial .....	\$11.45	7,200	82,440
Q4053 .....	9119	Pegfilgrastim, per 1 mg single dose vial .....	\$118.00	662,062	78,123,329
C9120 .....	9120	Faslodex, per 50 mg injection .....	\$44.25	137,078	6,065,702
C9121 .....	9121	Argatroban, per 5 mg .....	\$3.60	50,000	180,000
C9200 .....	9200	Orcel, per 36 cm2 .....	\$286.80	1,000	286,800
C9203 .....	9203	Perflexane lipid microspheres, per single use vial .....	\$36.00	82,400	2,966,400
J2324 .....	9114	Nesiritide, per 0.5 mg vial .....	\$36.48	60,000	2,188,800
J3315 .....	9122	Triptorelin pamoate, per 3.75 mg .....	\$104.90	219,600	23,036,040
J3487 .....	9115	Zoledronic acid, 1 mg .....	\$51.38	539,000	27,693,820
C9204 .....	9204	Ziprasidone mesylate, per 20 mg .....	\$10.50	117,143	1,230,000
C9205 .....	9205	Oxaliplatin, per 5 mg .....	\$23.86	280,756	6,698,845

  

HCPCS	APC	Description		2004 estimated utilization	2004 anticipated payment
<b>Existing Pass-through Devices</b>					
C1783 .....	1783	Ocular implant, aqueous drainage assist device .....		323	159,756
C1814 .....	1814	Retinal tamponade device, silicone oil .....		35106	13,649,018
C1884 .....	1884	Embolization Protective System .....		25000	38,601,544
C1888 .....	1888	Catheter, ablation, non-cardiac, endovascular (implantable) .....		214	129,128
C1900 .....	1900	Lead, left ventricular coronary venous system .....		2091	2,814,528
C2614 .....	2614	Probe, percutaneous lumbar discectomy .....		899	1,748,555
C2632 .....	2632	Brachytherapy solution, iodine-125, per mCi .....		225	1,890,000
C1818 .....	1818	Integrated keratoprosthesis .....		4	27,800

## V. Payment for Devices

### A. Pass-Through Devices

Section 1833(t)(6)(B)(iii) of the Act requires that a category of devices be eligible for transitional pass-through payments for at least 2, but not more than 3, years. This period begins with the first date on which a transitional pass-through payment is made for any medical device that is described by the category. We propose that two device categories currently in effect would expire effective January 1, 2004. Our proposed payment methodology for devices that have been paid by means of pass-through categories, and for which pass-through status would expire effective January 1, 2004, is discussed in the section below.

Although the device category codes became effective April 1, 2001, most of the item-specific “C” codes for pass-through devices that were crosswalked to the new category codes were

approved for pass-through payment in CY 2000 and as of January 1, 2001. (The crosswalk for item-specific “C” codes to category codes was issued in Transmittals A-01-41 and A-01-97). We based the expiration dates for the category codes listed in Table 13, on when a category was first created, or when the item-specific devices that are described by, and included in, the initial categories were first paid as pass-through devices, before the implementation of device categories. These proposed device category expiration dates are listed in Table 13. We propose to base the expiration date for a device category on the earliest effective date of pass-through payment status of the devices that populate that category. There are two categories for devices that will have been eligible for pass-through payments for over 2 1/2 years as of December 31, 2003, and we propose that they would not be eligible

for pass-through payments effective January 1, 2004. The two categories we propose for expiration are C1765 and C2618, as indicated in Table 13. Each category includes devices for which pass-through payment was first made under OPPTS in 2000 or 2001.

A comprehensive list of all pass-through device categories effective on or before July 2003 is displayed in Table 13. Also displayed are the dates the devices described by the category were populated and their respective proposed expiration dates.

The methodology used to base expiration of a device category is the same as that used to determine the 95 initial categories that expired as of January 1, 2003. A list including those 95 categories that expired as of January 1, 2003 (as well as 5 categories that continue to be paid in 2003) is found in the November 1, 2002 final rule (67 FR 66761 through 66763).

TABLE 13.—LIST OF CURRENT PASS-THROUGH DEVICE CATEGORIES WITH PROPOSED EXPIRATION DATES

	HCPCS codes	Category long descriptor	Date(s) populated	Expiration date
.....	C1765 .....	Adhesion Barrier .....	10/1/00–3/31/01; 7/1/01	12/31/03
.....	C2618 .....	Probe, cryoblation .....	4/1/01	12/31/03
.....	C1888 .....	Catheter, ablation, non-cardiac, endovascular (implantable) .....	7/1/02	12/31/04
.....	C1900 .....	Lead, left ventricular coronary venous system .....	7/1/02	12/31/04
.....	C1783 .....	Ocular implant, aqueous drainage assist device .....	7/1/02	12/31/04