

42 C.F.R. § 409.87

Blood deductible.

- (a) *General provisions.* (1) As used in this section, packed red cells means the red blood cells that remain after plasma is separated from whole blood.
- (2) A unit of packed red cells is treated as the equivalent of a unit of whole blood.
- (3) Medicare does not pay for the first 3 units of whole blood or units of packed red cells that a beneficiary receives, during a calendar year, as an inpatient of a hospital or CAH or SNF, or on an outpatient basis under Medicare Part B.
- (4) The deductible does not apply to other blood components such as platelets, fibrinogen, plasma, gamma globulin, and serum albumin, or to the cost of processing, storing, and administering blood.
- (5) The blood deductible is in addition to the inpatient hospital deductible and daily coinsurance.

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