



Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - April 2020 Update

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries and reimbursed using the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

This article informs you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued payment files to the MACs based upon the 2020 MPFS Final Rule, published in the Federal register on November 15, 2019. CR 11661 amends those payment files. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

Section 1848(c)(4) of the Social Security Act authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish ancillary policies necessary to implement relative values for physicians' services. The updated payment files are effective for services you furnish between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

Summary of Changes for April 2020

Below is a summary of the changes for the April update to the 2020 MPFS. Unless otherwise stated, these changes are effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2020.

1. The G codes listed in Table 1 are new codes, effective January 1, 2020.

Table 1: New Codes effective January 1, 2020

Code	Action
G2168	Status indicator = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
G2169	Status indicator = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

Note: For new codes, please refer to the following link for more information:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPSCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPSCS-Quarterly-Update>.

2. The HCPCS codes listed in Table 2 have revisions to Relative Value Units, effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2020.

Table 2: HCPCS Codes with Revisions to Relative Value Units

Code	Modifier	Action
G0105	53	Non-Facility PE RVU change = 2.88, MP RVU change = 0.20
G0121	53	Non-Facility PE RVU change = 2.88, MP RVU change = 0.21
44388	53	Non-Facility PE RVU change = 2.79, MP RVU change = 0.20
45378	53	Non-Facility PE RVU change = 2.88, MP RVU change = 0.21
G2001		MP RVU change = 0.05
G2002		MP RVU change = 0.08
G2003		MP RVU change = 0.13
G2004		MP RVU change = 0.22
G2005		MP RVU change = 0.28
G2006		MP RVU change = 0.05
G2007		MP RVU change = 0.09
G2008		MP RVU change = 0.13
G2009		MP RVU change = 0.22
G2013		MP RVU change = 0.28

3. The HCPCS codes listed in Table 3 have been revised, effective for dates of service on and after January 21, 2020. Please see the following link for more information regarding these codes: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/nca-decision-memo.aspx?NCAId=295>.

Table 3: Revised HCPCS codes

Code	Action
20560	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0
20561	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0
97810	Status Code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0
97811	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical component indicator = 0
97813	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0
97814	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0

The Relative Value Units (RVU) for these codes are listed below.

Code	Work RVU	Non Facility PE RVU	Facility PE RVU	MP RVU
20560	0.32	0.39	0.12	0.03
20561	0.48	0.57	0.18	0.05
97810	0.60	0.40	0.23	0.05
97811	0.50	0.25	0.19	0.05

Code	Work RVU	Non Facility PE RVU	Facility PE RVU	MP RVU
97813	0.65	0.47	0.25	0.05
97814	0.55	0.36	0.21	0.05

4. The G code listed in Table 4 is no longer valid on the MPFS effective for dates of service on and after April 01, 2020.

Table 4: G Code No Longer Valid

Code	Action
G1000	Status Change to I

5. The G codes listed in Table 5 are new codes, effective April 01, 2020. CR 11550 implemented these codes.

Table 5: New G Codes

Code	Action
G1012	Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
G1013	Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
G1014	Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
G1015	Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
G1016	Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
G1017	Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
G1018	Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
G1019	Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply

Please see <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPSCReleaseCodeSets/HCPSC-Quarterly-Update> for more information on the above new codes.

As part of the public health emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the following codes have been revised per guidance provided in: the interim final rule with comment (IFC) entitled, **Medicare Program and Medicaid Program; Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (CMS-1744-IFC)**; the IFC entitled, **Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (CMS-5531-IFC)**; and the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)**.

CODE	ACTION
98966	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0
98967	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0
98968	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0
99441	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0
99442	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0
99443	Status code indicator change = A, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0

The RVUs for these codes are listed below.

Code	Work RVU	Non Facility PE RVU	Facility PE RVU	MP RVU
98966	0.25	0.13	0.10	0.02
98967	0.50	0.23	0.19	0.05
98968	0.75	0.33	0.29	0.06
99441	0.48	0.75	0.20	0.05
99442	0.97	1.06	0.40	0.08
99443	1.50	1.45	0.62	0.11

The following new codes are effective March 1, 2020, and after. Please see CR 11681 for more information. A related MLN Matters article (MM11681) is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm11681.pdf>.

- G2023 - Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
- G2024 - Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply

The following new code is effective March 13, 2020, and after. Please see CR 11681 for more information.

- 87635 - Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply

The following new code is for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). Please see Special Edition Medicare Learning Network Matters (MLN) article SE20016 for more information. MLN SE20016 is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/se20016.pdf>.

Code	Short Descriptor
G2025	Dis site tele svcs RHC/FQHC

NOTE: MLN article SE20016 also displays a revised RHC/FQHC payment for G0071 effective March 1, 2020. Codes G0071 and G2025 will appear on the MPFSDB with Status indicator X, but have no physician fee schedule payment, and the payment policy indicators will not apply.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR11661, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10098CP.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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April 14, 2020	We revised this article to reflect the revised CR 11661, issued on April 6, to make MPFSDB file revisions for COVID-19. In the article, we added updates for codes G2023, G2024, 87635, 98966, 98967, 98968, 99441, 99442, and 99443 to the April 2020 MPFSDB update file. Also, we revised the CR release date, transmittal number, and the web address of the CR. All other information remains the same.
February 27, 2020	We revised this article to reflect the revised CR11661 issued on that date. In the article, we changed the MP RVU for code G2013 in Table 2 to 0.28. Also, we revised the CR release date, transmittal number, and the web address of the CR. All other information remains the same.
February 18, 2020	Initial article released.

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