

# 2015 Physician's Fee Schedule Update

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# Data Sources

- Physician's Fee Schedule for Calendar Year (CY) 2015 from Medicare

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Relative-Value-Files-Items/RVU15A.html?DLPage=1&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending>

- January 2015 Corrections
- Medicare Processing Manual 100-04

# Status Code Changes

- Status Code Q added

Q = Therapy functional information code (used for required Medicare reporting purposes only; not used for workers' compensation).

# NCCI Edits

- The NCCI Edits Policy Manual is no longer published by NTIS, but can be downloaded from the CMS website
- Also available from the DWC website:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OMFS9904.htm#7>

Under March 1, 2015 Fee Schedule Documents

# Splints and Casting Supplies

- Eliminated the separate fee list as of April 1, 2014.
- Now paid under the DMEPOS fee schedule

# Physical Therapy Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction

- Addendum H has been eliminated
- Now the file is entitled “Separately Payable Always Therapy Services Subject to the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR)”.

# Global Surgery – Billing Requirements

- References to ICD-9 have been deleted and changed to “a diagnosis code”.
- This is to prepare for the switch to ICD-10 in October 2015.



# Diagnostic Imaging Multiple Procedure Reduction

- Addendum F has been eliminated.
- Now the file is entitled “Diagnostic Imaging Services Subject to the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR)”.



# Update Table

- There are now two Update Tables under regulation 9789.19.
- Subdivision (a) relates to services on or after 1/1/2014 through 2/28/2015.
- Subdivision (b) relates to services on or after 3/1/2015.

# Adjustment Factors

- The projected conversion factors are adjusted each year by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) 0.8% and the Relative Value Scale (RVS) adjustment factors .9981 for everything except Anesthesia and .9932 for Anesthesia.
- The adjusted conversion factors are listed in the Update Table.

Type of Service	2014 Cumulative Adjustment Factor	2015 Adjustment Factors			2015 Cumulative Adjustment Factor
		(A)	(B) MEI	(C) RVS BN	
Anesthesia	1.0449	1.008	0.9932 (.9981 x 0.99506)	1.001	1.0461
All services other than anesthesia	1.0638	1.008	0.9981	1.006	1.0703

Type of Service	Unadjusted 2015 CF	Cumulative Adjustment Factor (from Table 1 Column E)	2015 Adjusted CF
	(A)	(B)	(C) (A) x (B)
<b>Anesthesia</b>	30.1400	1.0461	31.5290
<b>Surgery</b>	48.2650	1.0703	51.6570
<b>Radiology</b>	46.8943	1.0703	50.1900
<b>All other services</b>	37.6509	1.0703	40.2970

# Geographic Adjustment Factors (GAF)

- Average Statewide Work GAF: 1.042
- Average Statewide Practice Expense GAF: 1.1621
- Average Statewide Malpractice Expense GAF: 0.7388
- Average Statewide Anesthesia GAF is: 1.0391

# California Specific Codes

- WC001 – Not reimbursable
- WC002 - \$ 12.01
- WC003 - \$38.99 -for first page \$23.99 each additional page. Maximum of six pages absent mutual agreement (\$158.94)
- WC004 - \$38.99 for first page \$23.99 each additional page. Maximum of seven pages absent mutual agreement (\$182.93)
- WC005 - \$38.99 for first page, \$23.99 each additional page. Maximum of six pages absent mutual agreement (\$158.94)



- WC007 - \$38.99-for first page \$23.99 each additional page. Maximum of six pages absent mutual agreement (\$158.94)
- WC008 - \$10.34 for up to the first 15 pages. \$0.25 for each additional page after the first 15 pages.
- WC009 - \$10.34 for up to the first 15 pages. \$0.25 for each additional page after the first 15 pages.
- WC010 - \$5.17 per x-ray
- WC011 - \$10.34 per scan
- WC012 - No Fee Prescribed / Non Reimbursable absent agreement



# Do Not Use CPT Codes

- 27215 (Use G0412 and Surgery CF)
- 27216 (Use G0413 and Surgery CF)
- 27217 (Use G0414 and Surgery CF)
- 27218 (Use G0415 and Surgery CF)
- 76140 (see §9789.17.2)
- 90889 (See §9789.14. Use code WC005 code)

- 97014 (Use G0283 and Other Services CF)
- 99075 (see Medical-Legal fee schedule, §9795)
- 99080 (see §9789.14)
- 99241 through 99245 (see §9789.12.12)
- 99251 through 99255 (see §9789.12.12)
- 99455 and 99456.

# Other Updated Tables

- 2015 Primary Care HPSA
- 2015 Mental Health HPSA
- CY 2015 PFS Final Rule Physician Time Updated 1/20/2015
- Monthly Medi-Cal Rates table
- Quarterly Practitioner Services MUE Table

# QUESTIONS?

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