
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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Human Services (DHHS)
Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services (CMS)

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SUBJECT: Clarification and Update to Medicare Payment for Code Q3014 (Telehealth Facility Fee)

In Transmittal AB-01-69 it was stated that, for carrier payment, code Q3014 (telehealth originating site facility fee) would be included on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) file and that the code is carrier priced. This Program Memorandum (PM) is being issued to revise the pricing information for code Q3014 that was initially furnished in Transmittal AB-01-69.

I. Carriers

Carriers must manually add code Q3014 to the MPFSDB file in order to process telehealth facility fee claims for dates of service on or after October 1, 2001, and until such time as the code is accreted to the database by CMS. Following is the relevant information that carriers must use to manually load pricing data for code Q3014.

File Year: 2001

Carrier Number: Your carrier number

Locality: Replicate this pricing data for each of your MPFSDB localities

HCPCS Code: Q3014

Modifier: N/A

Descriptor: Telehealth facility fee

Code Status: X

Conversion Factor: N/A

Update Factor: N/A

Work Relative Value Unit: 0.00

Base Practice Expense Relative Value Unit: 0.00

Malpractice Relative Value Unit: 0.00

Work Geographic Practice Cost Indices: 0.00

Practice Expense GPCI: 0.00

Malpractice GPCI: 0.00

Global Surgery: XXX

Preoperative Percentage: 0.00

Intraoperative Percentage: 0.00

Postoperative Percentage: 0.00

PC/TC Indicator: 9

Multiple Procedure: 9

Bilateral Surgery Indicator: 9

Assistant at Surgery: 9

Co-Surgeons: 9

Team Surgeons: 9

Billable Medical Supplies: 9

Site of Service Differential: 0

Non-facility Fee Schedule Amount: 20.00

Facility Fee Schedule Amount: 20.00

Number of Related Codes: 0

Related Procedure Codes: N/A

Physician Supervision of Diagnostic Procedures: 9

Fields 31B through 38B on the 2001 MPFSDB file are not applicable for code Q3014.

For carrier processed claims, place of service code 11 (office) is the only payable place of service for code Q3014.

There is no participation payment differential for code Q3014 and it is not priced off of the MPFSDB file. The approved charge for Q3014 is the lower of the submitted charge or \$20.

As indicated in Transmittal AB-01-69, the type of service indicator for Q3014 is 9. Deductible and coinsurance rules apply to code Q3014.

The above information also applies for calendar year (CY) 2002 in the event code Q3014 is not accreted to the MPFSDB for the January 2002 update.

II. Intermediaries

As instructed in Transmittal AB-01-69, for intermediaries the payment amount, for CY 2001 and CY 2002, must be the lower of the submitted charges for code Q3014 or \$20.00.

The *effective date* for this PM is October 1, 2001.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after September 30, 2002.

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