

Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: Schedule for Completing the Calendar Year (CY) 2002 Fee Schedule Updates and the Participating Physician Enrollment Procedures

This schedule is provided as a convenience for the carriers. It requires no action and has no effective or implementation dates. Any associated action will be directed through the listed Program Memorandums (PMs) and manual issuances. Target dates are subject to change.

Acronyms for the responsible components:

DPAC – Division of Practitioner and Ambulatory Care
DPCP – Division of Practitioner Claims Processing
DCPC – Division of Community Post-acute Care
DHPPD – Division of Health Plan and Provider Data

Other acronyms:

DME – Durable Medical Equipment
DMEPOS – Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics and Orthotics
DMERC – Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
HCPCS – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
SADMERC – Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier

<u>TARGET DATE</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE COMPONENT</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
July 27, 2001	DPCP	Issued CR1727, "Section 15900.2, Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) 2002 File Layout," which updates the manual to correspond with the CY 2002 file layout.
August, 2001	DCPC	Issue PM, "Instructions for Implementing and Updating 2002 Payment Amounts for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)," to notify DMERCs, SADMERC, and local carriers of codes subject to DME gap-filling. Includes instructions on gap-filling, crosswalking and any needed adjustments to base fees as well as instructions for updating 2002 DMEPOS fee schedule and Level III codes. Also includes instructions for the maintenance process for the 2002 DMEPOS.
September 14, 2001	DMERCs Carriers	DMERCs/carriers submit to DHPPD any changes to DMEPOS base year amounts.
October 1, 2001	DPCP	Issue PM, "2002 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)."

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October 11, 2001	DHPPD	Release the 2002 HCPCS tape electronically. Available after 8 p.m. e.s.t.. (This date is dependent upon receipt of tape from the American Medical Association.)
October 17, 2001	DPCP	Issue PM, "Calendar Year (CY) 2002 Participation Enrollment and Medicare Participating Physicians and Suppliers Directory (MEDPARD) Procedures," which provides specifications for releasing fee schedule amounts and participation letters.
October 17, 2001	DHPPD	Release the 2002 MPFSDB to carriers electronically. DHPPD to include 2001 fee schedule amount.
October 24, 2001	DPCP	Mail hard copy of data from 2002 MPFSDB. Files will include procedure codes, status code indicators, relative value units, and payment policy indicators. ROs will use in validation efforts.
November 1, 2001		Final rule implementing CY 2002 relative value units and payment policies to be published.
November 1, 2001	DHPPD	Release clinical lab pricing files to carriers.
November 6, 2001	DCPC/ DHPPD	Release 2002 DMEPOS fee schedules to the DMERCs, SADMERC, and local carriers.
November 8, 2001	Carriers	Begin delivery of participation enrollment information to providers via first class mail or equivalent delivery for receipt no later than 11/16/2001.
November 14, 2001	DPAC/ DHPPD	Release the 2002 physician fee schedule amounts to the intermediaries, Palmetto GBA for Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), and the Civilian Health Medical Program for the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) for nationally priced codes. Also available on the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) Home Page if the final rule has been published.
November 16, 2001	DMERCs Carriers (If applicable)	Submit DME gap-filled amounts to DHPPD.
	Carriers	Furnish 2002 physician fee schedule amounts to DHPPD for local and carrier priced codes.
November 16 - December 31, 2001	Carriers	Process participation elections and withdrawals postmarked before 01/01/2002.
November 19, 2001	DHPPD	Furnish clinical lab pricing files to intermediaries, Indian Health Service (IHS), United Mine Workers (UMW) and RRB. State Medicaid agencies, and general public. Also available on the CMS home page.
November 27, 2001	DHPPD	Furnish physician fee schedule amounts to IHS and the UMW.

	Carriers	Furnish reasonable charge pricing files to intermediaries, IHS, UMW, RRB and State Medicaid Agencies.
		Furnish local and carrier priced codes to State Medicaid Agencies.
December 7, 2001	DHPPD	Release 2002 DMEPOS fee schedule amounts to intermediaries, Available on the CMS Home Page for use by RRB, IHS, UMW, State Medicaid agencies, and general public.
December 11, 2001	DHPPD	Furnish 2002 physician fee schedule amounts to intermediaries, IHS, UMW and RRB for local carrier priced codes.
December 14, 2001	DHPPD	Compute 2002 floors, ceilings, and pricing amounts from DME gap-filled amounts for new 2002 codes and release to carriers, fiscal intermediaries, DMERCs, SADMERC, RRB, IHS, and UMW.
January 1, 2002	Carriers FIs State Agencies United Health Care DMERCS	Implement 2002 fee schedule amounts.
	Carriers FIs	Implement 2002 HCPCS update.
January 30, 2002	Carriers ROs	Send updated provider file to RRB.
February 2002	DPAC/ DHPPD	Issue PM, "Changes to the 2002 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database" and transmit files. (First quarterly update.)
May 2002	DPAC/ DHPPD	Issue PM, "Changes to the 2002 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database" and transmit files. (Second quarterly update.)
August 2002	DPAC/ DHPPD	Issue PM, "Changes to the 2002 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database" and transmit files. (Third quarterly update.)

The *effective date* for this PM is not applicable.

The *implementation date* for this PM is not applicable.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after September 2002.

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