
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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CHANGE REQUEST 2609

SUBJECT: Emergency Changes to the 2003 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database

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CMS has identified several changes that must be made in the 2003 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB). CMS will make the updated files available to carriers and intermediaries on CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications System, formerly the Network Data Mover (NDM), on February 14, 2003.

In addition to the changes that are addressed in these revised files, these files also incorporate revised locality specific payment amounts based upon the new 2003 physician fee schedule conversion factor (CF = 36.7856).

The file name for the National 2003 MPFSDB is:

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C00000.V0219](#)

The processing site specific 2003 MPFSDB files are;

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C00510.V0219](#) for 00510
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C00630.V0219](#) for 00630
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C00660.V0219](#) for 00660
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C00803.V0219](#) for 00803
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C00805.V0219](#) for 00805
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C00865.V0219](#) for 00865
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C00880.V0219](#) for 00880
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C00973.V0219](#) for 00973
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.C14330.V0219](#) for 14330
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.CARKBS.V0219](#) for 00520,00528
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.CCIGNA.V0219](#) for 05130,05440,05535
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.CEDS01.V0219](#) for 00801,00951,00952,00953,
00883,00884,31140,31142,31143,31144,31145, 31146
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.CEDS02.V0219](#) for 00820,00824,00825,00826,
00831,00832,00833,00834,00835,00836
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.CGTE00.V0219](#) for 00511,00521,00522,00523,
00590,00751,00910
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.CHPBSS.V0219](#) for 0512,00591,00870,00904,00954
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.CKANBS.V0219](#) for 00650,00655,00740
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.CTEXBS.V0219](#) for 00900,00901,00902,00903
[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.V0219.RRB](#) for the Railroad Retirement Board

The file names for the MPFS abstract files for the FIs are:

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.ALL.V0219.RHHI](#)

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.SNF.V0219.FI](#)

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.ABSTR.V0219.FI](#)

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.SUPL.V0219.FI](#)

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.MAMMO.V0219.FI](#)

The file name for the anesthesia file are:

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY03.EM2.ANES.V0221](#)

In accordance with the Medicare Carriers Manual Part 3, §15902, the changes in this update must be implemented on March 1, 2003. Carriers are waived from the requirement of providing 30 days advanced notice for the physician fee schedule changes. Unless otherwise stated in this transmittal, changes will be effective March 1, 2003.

Carriers and/or intermediaries need not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims. However, carriers should adjust claims brought to their attention.

Effective March 1, 2003, the revised 2003 conversion factor is 36.7856.

The revised update factor for March 1, 2003 to December 1, 2003 is 1.0162.

Changes included in this 1st Update to the 2003 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database are as follows:

<u>CPT/HCPCS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
A0225	Procedure Status = I
A4421	Procedure Status = I
G0025	Procedure Status = D
Note: Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2003.	
G0125	Procedure Status = C Work RVU = 0.00 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00 Malpractice RVU = 0.00
G0125 - TC	Procedure Status = C Work RVU = 0.00 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00 Malpractice RVU = 0.00
G0279	Procedure Status = C Work RVU = 0.00 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00 Malpractice RVU = 0.00 PC/TC: 0 SOS: 1 Global: XXX

	Pre-Op:	0.00
	Intra-Op:	0.00
	Post-Op:	0.00
	Mult Surg:	0
	Bilt Surg:	0
	Asst Surg:	0
	Co Surg:	0
	Team Surg:	0
	Diag Supv:	09
G0280	Procedure Status = C	
	Work RVU = 0.00	
	Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00	
	Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00	
	Malpractice RVU = 0.00	
	PC/TC:	0
	SOS:	1
	Global:	XXX
	Pre-Op:	0.00
	Intra-Op:	0.00
	Post-Op:	0.00
	Mult Surg:	0
	Bilt Surg:	0
	Asst Surg:	0
	Co Surg:	0
	Team Surg:	0
	Diag Supv:	09
G0281	Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.16	
	Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.16	
G0283	Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.16	
	Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.16	
J7308	Procedure Status = I	
Q3021	Procedure Status = F	
Q3022	Procedure Status = F	
Q3023	Procedure Status = F	
HCPCS Code:	Q3031	
Short Desc:	Collagen skin test	
Proc Stat:	B	
RVU Work:	0.00	
Non-Fac PE RVU:	0.00	
Fac PE RVU:	0.00	
Malpractice RVU:	0.00	
PC/TC:	9	
SOS:	9	
Global:	XXX	
Pre-Op:	0.00	
Intra-Op:	0.00	
Post-Op:	0.00	
Mult Surg:	9	
Bilt Surg:	9	
Asst Surg:	9	
Co Surg:	9	

Team Surg: 9
 Diag Supv: 09
 Note: Effective for services performed on or after April 1, 2003

CPT/HCPCSACTION

V5274

Procedure Status = E

HCPCS Code: 0019T
 Proc Stat: I
 RVU Work: 0.00
 Non-Fac PE RVU: 0.00
 Fac PE RVU: 0.00
 Malpractice RVU: 0.00
 PC/TC: 9
 SOS: 9
 Global: XXX
 Pre-Op: 0.00
 Intra-Op: 0.00
 Post-Op: 0.00
 Mult Surg: 9
 Bilt Surg: 9
 Asst Surg: 9
 Co Surg: 9
 Team Surg: 9
 Diag Supv: 09

HCPCS Code: 0020T
 Proc Stat: C
 RVU Work: 0.00
 Non-Fac PE RVU: 0.00
 Fac PE RVU: 0.00
 Malpractice RVU: 0.00
 PC/TC: 0
 SOS: 1
 Global: XXX
 Pre-Op: 0.00
 Intra-Op: 0.00
 Post-Op: 0.00
 Mult Surg: 0
 Bilt Surg: 0
 Asst Surg: 0
 Co Surg: 0
 Team Surg: 0
 Diag Supv: 09

CPT/HCPCSACTION

17304

Multiple Procedure Indicator = 1
 Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 0

28008

Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1

28309

Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1

33224

Global Period = 000
 Pre-Operative Percentage = 0.00
 Intra-Operative Percentage = 0.00

Post-Operative Percentage = 0.00

42820 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 4.25
Facility Practice Expense RVU = 4.25

53853 Work RVU = 5.24

56821 Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2
Remove Endoscopic Base Code

57420 Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2
Remove Endoscopic Base Code

57421 Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2
Remove Endoscopic Base Code

58550 Global Surgery Period = 090
Pre-Operative Percentage = 0.12
Intra-Operative Percentage = 0.74
Post-Operative Percentage = 0.14

67221 Procedure Status = R

71275 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 12.98
71275 – TC Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 12.33

71275 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 12.98
71275 – TC Facility Practice Expense RVU = 12.33

72191 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 12.59
72191 – TC Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 11.97

72191 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 12.59
72191 – TC Facility Practice Expense RVU = 11.97

73206 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 11.54
73206 – TC Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 10.92

73206 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 11.54
73206 – TC Facility Practice Expense RVU = 10.92

73706 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 11.57
73706 – TC Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 10.92

73706 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 11.57
73706 – TC Facility Practice Expense RVU = 10.92

74175 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 12.62
74175 – TC Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 11.97

74175 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 12.62
74175 – TC Facility Practice Expense RVU = 11.97

77789 Global Period = 000
77789 – 26 Global Period = 000
77789 – TC Global Period = 000

88141 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.19
Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.19

90723 Procedure Status = I

HCPCS Code: 92597
 Short Descriptor: Oral speech device eval
 Proc Stat: A
 RVU Work: 0.86
 Non-Fac PE RVU: 1.63
 Fac PE RVU: 0.41
 Malpractice RVU: 0.04
 PC/TC: 0
 SOS: 1
 Global: XXX
 Pre-Op: 0.00
 Intra-Op: 0.00
 Post-Op: 0.00
 Mult Surg: 0
 Bilt Surg: 0
 Asst Surg: 0
 Co Surg: 0
 Team Surg: 0
 Diag Supv: 09

CPT/HCPCSACTION

93012 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 5.99
 93315 Procedure Status = C
 Work RVU = 0.00
 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Malpractice RVU = 0.00
 93315 - TC Procedure Status = C
 Work RVU = 0.00
 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Malpractice RVU = 0.00
 93317 Procedure Status = C
 Work RVU = 0.00
 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Malpractice RVU = 0.00
 93317 - TC Procedure Status = C
 Work RVU = 0.00
 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Malpractice RVU = 0.00
 93660 - TC Diagnostic Supervision Indicator = 02
 95951 Procedure Status = C
 Work RVU = 0.00
 Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
 Malpractice RVU = 0.00

95951 - TC

Procedure Status = C
Work RVU = 0.00
Non-Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
Facility Practice Expense RVU = 0.00
Malpractice RVU = 0.00

HCPCS Code: 99026
Proc Stat: N
PC/TC: 9
SOS: 9
Mult Surg: 9
Bilt Surg: 9
Asst Surg: 9
Co Surg: 9
Team Surg: 9
Diag Supv: 09

HCPCS Code: 99027
Proc Stat: N
PC/TC: 9
SOS: 9
Mult Surg: 9
Bilt Surg: 9
Asst Surg: 9
Co Surg: 9
Team Surg: 9
Diag Supv: 09

The *effective date* for this PM is March 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is March 3, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after March 3, 2004.

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