



Do you have your NPI? National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) will be required on claims sent on or after May 23, 2007. Every health care provider needs to get an NPI. Learn more about the NPI and how to apply for an NPI by visiting http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/ on the CMS web site.

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April Update to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and other providers who bill Medicare contractors (carriers, fiscal intermediaries (FIs), or Part A/B Medicare administrative contractors (A/B MACs) for professional services paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

Background

This article and related Change Request (CR) 5528 wants providers to know that payment files were issued to contractors based upon the December 1, 2006, MPFS Final Rule. CR5528 amends those payment files.

The following table reflects the key changes from CR5528:

CPT/HCPCS	ACTION
17311	Multiple Procedure Indicator – 0
17313	Multiple Procedure Indicator – 0
36478	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 41.71
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 26.53 (Informational Only)

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37210	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 79.88
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 79.88 (Informational Only)
77056 Global	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 1.96 (Informational Only)
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 1.96 (Informational Only)
77056 – TC	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 1.72 (Informational Only)
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 1.72 (Informational Only)
93225	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 1.14
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.85 (Informational Only)
	Transitional Facility PE RVU = 1.14
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 0.85 (Informational Only)
93226	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 1.93
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 1.18 (Informational Only)
	Transitional Facility PE RVU = 1.93
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 1.18 (Informational Only)
93231	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 1.32
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.71 (Informational Only)
	Transitional Facility PE RVU = 1.32
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 0.71 (Informational Only)
93232	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 1.97
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 1.34 (Informational Only)
	Transitional Facility PE RVU = 1.97
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 1.34 (Informational Only)
95991	Transitional Facility PE RVU = 0.17
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 0.18 (Informational Only)

The codes in the following table are either bundled or not valid for Medicare purposes. Values for these codes have been established as a courtesy to

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the general public. These codes will remain bundled or not valid for Medicare purposes even though relative value units have been established.

CPT/HCPCS	ACTION
78351	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 1.41
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.47 (Informational Only)
98960	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.57
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.57 (Informational Only)
	Transitional Facility PE RVU = 0.57
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 0.57 (Informational Only)
98961	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.27
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.27 (Informational Only)
	Transitional Facility PE RVU = 0.27
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 0.27 (Informational Only)
98962	Transitional Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.20
	Fully Implemented Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.20 (Informational Only)
	Transitional Facility PE RVU = 0.20
	Fully Implemented Facility PE RVU = 0.20 (Informational Only)

These changes are effective January 1, 2007. However, providers may wish to note that Medicare contractors will not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims. However, contractors will adjust claims that you bring to their attention.

Additional Information

CR5528 is the official instruction (CR5528) issued to your Medicare carrier, FI or A/B MAC. That instruction may be viewed by going to http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1188CP.pdf on the CMS website.

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If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier, FI or A/B MAC, at their toll-free number which may be found at http://www.cms.hhs.qov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip on the CMS website.

Flu Shot Reminder

It's Not Too Late to Give and Get the Flu Shot!

The peak of flu season typically occurs between late December and March; however, flu season can last until May. Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends by getting and giving the flu shot. Each office visit presents an opportunity for you to talk with your patients about the importance of getting an annual flu shot and a lifetime pneumococcal vaccination. Remember - influenza and pneumococcal vaccination and their administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are NOT Part D covered drugs. For more information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to CMS' website:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf.