



**News Flash - Your Medicare Payments Could Be Reduced If The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Needs To Collect Overdue Taxes That You Owe** - The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Section 1024, authorizes the IRS to reduce certain federal payments, including Medicare payments, to allow collection of overdue taxes. Should you owe such taxes and your payments are reduced, your remittance advice will reflect a provider level adjustment code (PLB) of "WU" in the PLB03-1 data field. For more information, please see MLN Matters Article #MM6125 available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6125.pdf> on the CMS website.

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## October Update to the 2008 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers who submit claims to Medicare Carriers or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries paid based on the MPFSDB.

### Key Points of CR 6180

- Changes in the October Update to the 2008 MPFSDB are as follows:

CPT/HCPCS Codes	Action
15878 and 15879	Bilateral indicator = 1
92557 and 92567	PC/TC Indicator = 9
93660—26	Multiple Procedure Indicator= 2
G0398, G0399, and G0400	PC/TC Indicator = 1

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- Changes effective March 13, 2008 for G0398–TC, G0398–26, G0399-TC, G0399-26, G0400-TC, and G0400-26 are as described in Attachment 1 of CR 6180.
- An editorial change was made to the long descriptor of G0250 as noted in Attachment 1 of CR6180.

Make certain your billing staffs are aware of these changes. Your Medicare contractor will retroactively adjust claims if you bring such claims to their attention.

## Background

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This article is based on CR 6180, which states that payment files were issued to contractors based upon the 2008 MPFS Final Rule. CR 6180 amends those payment files.

## Additional Information

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

You may see the official instruction (CR6180) issued to your Medicare Carrier or A/B MAC, by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1580CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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