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Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - July 2020 Update

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries and reimbursed using the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

This article informs you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued payment files to the MACs based upon the 2020 MPFS Final Rule. CR 11788 amends those payment files. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

Payment files were issued to the MACs based upon the CY 2020 MPFS Final Rule, published in the Federal Register on November 15, 2019. The updated payment files are effective for services furnished between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020. Section 1848(c)(4) of the Social Security Act authorizes the Secretary to establish ancillary policies necessary to implement relative values for physicians' services.

Summary of Changes for July 2020

1. The HCPCS code listed in Table 1 has a revision to the Bilateral Surgery indicator, effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020.

Table 1

| CODE | ACTION |
|-------|--|
| 30930 | Bilateral Surgery Indicator Change = 2 |

2. The HCPCS codes listed in Table 2 have revisions to the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Relative Value Unit (RVU) display amounts, effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2020. These are contractor priced codes and no payment changes are being made. However, the "Non-Facility Practice Expense (PE) for OPPS" and "Facility PE for OPPS" fields are being revised to correct a display issue.





Table 2

| HCPCS Code | MODIFIER | ACTION | |
|---------------|----------|--|--|
| 78429 | | Non-Facility PE Used for OPPS Payment RVU change = 40.52, Facility PE Used for OPPS Payment RVU change = 40.52 | |
| 78429 | TC | Non-Facility PE Used for OPPS Payment RVU change = 39.97, Facility PE Used for OPPS Payment RVU change = 39.97 | |
| 78430 | | Non-Facility PE Used for OPPS Payment RVU change = 40.49, Facility PE Used for OPPS Payment RVU change = 40.49 | |
| 78430 | TC | Non-Facility PE Used for OPPS Payment RVU change = 39.97, Facility PE Used for OPPS Payment RVU change = 39.97 | |

3. The HCPCS codes listed in Table 3 are new codes effective for dates of service on and after April 10, 2020.

Table 3

| HCPCS Code | ACTION |
|---------------|--|
| 86328 | Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| 86769 | Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |

Note: For new codes, please refer to the following link for more information: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update

4. The HCPCS code listed in Table 4 has been revised, effective July 1, 2020.

Table 4

| CODE | ACTION |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| 90694 | Status Code Indicator Change = X |

5. The G codes listed in Table 5 are new codes, effective July 1, 2020.

Table 5

| Code | ACTION |
|-------|---|
| G2170 | Status indicator = C, there are no RVUs, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 2, Co-Surgeons indicator = 1, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0 |
| G2171 | Status indicator = C, there are no RVUs, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 2, Co-Surgeons indicator = 1, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0 |





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Please see the link below for more information on the above new codes: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update

6. The MPFSDB file will reflect the changes and addition of new codes below effective for dates of service July 1, 2020, and after. The implementation of these "J" and "Q" code changes shown in Table 6 are being communicated via other instructions. The descriptors and more information are available:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update

Table 6

| Code | ACTION |
|-------|--|
| J0223 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J0591 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J0691 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J0742 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J0791 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J0896 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J1201 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J1429 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J1558 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J3399 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J7169 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J7204 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J7321 | Short descriptor = Hyalgan or supartz inj dose |
| J7333 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J9177 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| J9198 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |





| Code | ACTION |
|-------|--|
| J9199 | Status indicator = I |
| J9245 | Short descriptor = Inj melpha hydroch nos 50 mg |
| J9246 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply |
| J9358 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply |
| Q4176 | Short descriptor = Neopatch or therion, 1 sq cm |
| Q4227 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4228 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4229 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4230 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4231 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4232 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4233 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4234 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4235 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4236 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4237 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4238 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4239 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4240 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4241 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4242 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4244 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |





| Code | ACTION |
|-------|--|
| Q4245 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4246 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4247 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q4248 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q5119 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q5120 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |
| Q5121 | Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply. |

7. The new CPT codes listed in Table 7 (0594T and 0596T-0619T) are effective for dates of service July 1, 2020, and after. On the MPFSDB file, all of these codes are Procedure Status C and have no RVUs. The Global Days are YYY. For all these codes, the indicators are: Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0

Table 7

| Code | Short Descriptor |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 0594T | Osteot hum xtrnl lngth dev |
| 0596T | Temp fml iu vlv-pmp 1st insj |
| 0597T | Temp fml iu valve-pmp rplcmt |
| 0598T | Nente r-t fluor wnd img 1st |
| 0599T | Ncntc r-t fluor wnd img ea |
| 0600T | Ire abltj 1+tum organ perq |
| 0601T | Ire abltj 1+tumors open |
| 0602T | Transdermal gfr measurements |
| 0603T | Transdermal gfr monitoring |
| 0604T | Rem oct rta dev setup&educaj |
| 0605T | Rem oct rta techl sprt min 8 |
| 0606T | Rem oct rta phys/qhp ea 30d |
| 0607T | Rem mntr pulm flu mntr setup |
| 0608T | Rem mntr pulm flu mntr alys |
| 0609T | Mrs disc pain acquisj data |
| 0610T | Mrs disc pain transmis data |
| 0611T | Mrs disc pain alg alys data |





| Code | Short Descriptor |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 0612T | Mrs discogenic pain i&r |
| 0613T | Perq tcat intratrl septl sht |
| 0614T | Rmvl&rplcmt ss impl dfb pg |
| 0615T | Eye mvmt alys w/o calbrj i&r |
| 0616T | Insertion of iris prosthesis |
| 0617T | Insj iris prosth w/rmvl&insj |
| 0618T | Insj iris prosth sec io lens |
| 0619T | Cysto w/prst8 commissurotomy |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11788, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10120OTN.pdf.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

| Date of Change | Description | |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|
| May 12, 2020 | Initial article released. | |

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