Medicare’s Physician Fee Schedule

This provides more than 10,000 physician services, the associated relative value units, a fee schedule status indicator and various payment policy indicators needed for payment adjustment (i.e., payment of assistant at surgery, team surgery, bilateral surgery, etc.).

The Medicare physician fee schedule pricing amounts are adjusted to reflect the variation in practice costs from area to area.

A geographic practice cost index (GPCI) has been established for every Medicare payment locality for each of the three components of a procedure’s relative value unit (i.e., the RVUs for work, practice expense, and malpractice). The GPcis are applied in the calculation of a fee schedule payment amount by multiplying the RVU for each component times the GPCI for that component.

The Physician Fee Schedule look-up website is designed to take you through the selection steps prior to the display of the information. The site allows you to:

- Search pricing amounts, various payment policy indicators, RVUs, and GPcis by a single procedure code, a range and a list of procedure codes.

- Search for the national payment amount, a specific Carrier/Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) or a specific Carrier/MAC locality. Each page has associated Help/Hint available to complete your selections.

Instructions for each of the steps in the fee schedule search application.

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