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

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	Ncntc 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.