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Information for Medicare Fee-for-Service Health Care Professionals

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## *1<sup>st</sup> Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database*

**Note:** This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers billing Medicare carriers or Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for services paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

### Provider Action Needed

Physicians and providers should be aware of the changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database, and identify those changes that impact their practice.

### Background

CR 3726 amends payment files issued based upon the November 15, 2004, Final Rules for the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database. Many of the changes relate to a National Coverage Determination (NCD) related to G codes and CPT codes for Positron Emission Tomography (PET), which was effective January 28, 2005.

### Additional Information

The changes to the fee schedule involve numerous CPT/HCPCS codes. These changes to the 1<sup>st</sup> Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database are described in an attachment to CR 3726.

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your carrier/FI regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R475CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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