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Emergency Update to the CY 2016 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 9495 amends payment files that were issued to contractors based on the CY 2016 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) amended these payment files in order to correct technical errors to the MPFS update files, and to include corrections described in the CY 2016 MPFS Final Rule Correction Notice. Your MAC will disclose the revised MPFS fees on their website as soon as possible, if they have not done so already.

Background

Some Relative Value Units published in the CY 2016 MPFS Final Rule have been revised to align their values with the CY 2016 MPFS Final Rule policies. These changes are discussed in the CY 2016 MPFS Final Rule Correction Notice. In addition, there were corrections made to invalid or missing payment indicators for several procedure codes. The amended 2016 MPFS payment files reflect all these changes for services furnished on or after January 1, 2016.

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Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9495 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3438CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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