

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### **Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - April Calendar Year (CY) 2016 Update**

#### **Provider Types Affected**

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

#### **Provider Action Needed**

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Change Request (CR) 9531 amends payment files that were issued to your MAC based upon the CY 2016 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2015. These payment files are to be effective for services furnished between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016. Please make sure your billing staff is aware of these changes.

#### **Background**

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Section 1848(c)(4) of the Social Security Act authorizes the Secretary to establish ancillary policies necessary to implement relative values for physicians' services.

MACs will not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims, however, they will adjust claims that you bring to their attention.

The key changes for the April update that are effective as of January 1, 2016 are as follows:

- CPT/HCPCS code G0464 is assigned a procedure status of I;
- Code 10030 is assigned Global period days of 000;
- Code 77014 is assigned a PC/TC Indicator of 1; and
- Code 80055 is assigned a procedure status of X.

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Other changes that are effective for services performed on or after April 1, 2016 are as follows:

- Code G9678 is assigned a procedure status of X;
- G9481 (Remote E/M new pt 10mins) has a PE RVU = 0, all other MPFS indicators/values = code 99201;
- G9482 (Remote E/M new pt 20mins) has a PE RVU = 0, all other MPFS indicators/values = 99202;
- G9483 (Remote E/M new pt 30mins) has a PE RVU = 0, all other MPFS indicators/values = 99203;
- G9484 (Remote E/M new pt 45mins) has a PE RVU = 0, all other MPFS indicators/values = 99204;
- G9485 (Remote E/M new pt 60mins) has a PE RVU = 0, all other MPFS indicators/values = 99205;
- G9486 (Remote E/M est. pt 10mins) has a PE RVU = 0, all other MPFS indicators/values = 99212;
- G9487 (Remote E/M est. pt 15mins) has a PE RVU = 0, all other MPFS indicators/values = 99213;
- G9488 (Remote E/M est. pt 25mins) has a PE RVU = 0, all other MPFS indicators/values = 99214;
- G9489 (Remote E/M est. pt 40mins) has a PE RVU = 0, all other MPFS indicators/values = 99215; and
- G9490 (Joint replac mod home visit) with all MPFS indicators & RVUs = those of G9187.

Codes G9481-G9490 are new and are assigned Type of Service of 1. See the MNL Matters article MM9533 at <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM9533.pdf> for further details of these new codes.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR9531 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3469CP.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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