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## Application of the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) on Imaging Services to Physicians in the Same Group Practice

### Provider Types Affected

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians and non-physician practitioners submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for imaging services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

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This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7747 which informs Medicare contractors about changes to the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR).

The MPPR on diagnostic imaging applies when multiple services are furnished by the same physician, to the same patient, in the same session, on the same day. The MPPR on certain diagnostic imaging services applies to Professional Component (PC) and Technical Component (TC) services. It applies to both PC-only services, TC-only services, and to the PC and TC of global services. Full payment is made for each PC and TC service with the highest payment under the Medicare Physician Fee

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Schedule (MPFS). Payment is made at 75 percent for subsequent PC services furnished by the same physician, to the same patient, in the same session, on the same day. Payment is made at 50 percent for subsequent TC services furnished by the same physician, to the same patient, in the same session, on the same day. The individual PC and TC services with the highest payments under the MPFS of globally billed services must be determined in order to calculate the reduction.

Currently, the MPPR applies only when an individual physician furnishes multiple services to the same patient, in the same session, on the say day. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expanding the MPPR on the PC and TC of imaging services by applying it to physicians in the same group practice (same Group National Provider Identifier (NPI)) who furnish multiple services to the same patient, in the same session, on the say day.

The complete list of codes subject to the MPPR on diagnostic imaging can be found in Attachment 1 of CR7747, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1104OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

## Background

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Section 3134 of the Affordable Care Act added Section 1848(c)(2)(K) of the Social Security Act which specifies that the Secretary shall identify potentially misvalued codes by examining multiple codes that are frequently billed in conjunction with furnishing a single service. As a further step in implementing this provision, Medicare is making a change to the MPPR on the PC and TC of certain diagnostic imaging procedures. Specifically, Medicare is applying the MPPR to physicians in the same group practice who furnish multiple services to the same patient, in the same session, on the same day. Medicare will assume procedures furnished on the same date of service were furnished in the same session unless the provider uses modifier 59 to indicate multiple sessions, in which case the reduction does not apply.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR7747 issued to your carrier or A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1104OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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