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News Flash –

New product from the Medicare Learning Network® (MLN)

- [“The Medicare Fee-For-Service Recovery Audit Program Process,”](#) Educational Tool, ICN 908524, downloadable

MLN Matters® Number: MM8169 **Revised**

Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8169

Related CR Release Date: March 26, 2013

Effective Date: January 1, 2013

Related CR Transmittal #: R2677CP

Implementation Date: April 1, 2013

April Update to the CY 2013 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)

Note: This article was revised on March 26, 2013, to reflect a revised CR8169 issued on March 26, 2013. In this article, the CR transmittal number, CR release date, and the Web address for accessing the CR are revised. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians and other providers who submit claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FI), A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MAC), and/or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHI)) for services that are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

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What You Need To Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8169 and instructs Medicare contractors to download and implement a new Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB), effective January 1, 2013.

Background

Section 1848 (c) (4) of the Social Security Act (see http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1848.htm) authorizes the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish ancillary policies necessary to implement relative values for physicians' services.

CR 8169, from which this article is taken announces that the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) has been updated effective January 1, 2013; and new payment files have been created in order to reflect appropriate payment policy in line with the CY 2013 (Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule, published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2012, as modified by the Final Rule Correction Notice, published in the Federal Register on January 2, 2013, and relevant statutory changes applicable January 1, 2013.

The summary of changes in the April 2013 update consists of the following (all other indicators remain the same):

- 0309T Global Indicator is being corrected to "ZZZ" (add-on). This change is effective January 1, 2013.
- For 36222 – 36228, their Bilateral Indicators are being corrected to "1" = 150% payment adjustment applies if billed with modifier 50. This change is effective January 1, 2013.
- 90785 Global Indicator is being corrected to "ZZZ" (add-on). This change is effective January 1, 2013.
- The codes in the following table are having their short descriptors corrected or adjusted as shown below. These changes are effective January 1, 2013.

HCPCS Code	Old Short Description	Revised Short Description
19301	Partical mastectomy	Partial mastectomy
31648	Bronchial valve addl insert	Bronchial valve remov init
31649	Bronchial valve remov init	Bronchial valve remov addl
31651	Bronchial valve remov addl	Bronchial valve addl insert
87631	Resp virus 3-11 targets	Resp virus 3-5 targets
95907	Motor&/sens 1-2 nrv cndj tst	Nvr cndj tst 1-2 studies
95908	Motor&/sens 3-4 nrv cndj tst	Nrv cndj tst 3-4 studies
95909	Motor&/sens 5-6 nrv cndj tst	Nrv cndj tst 5-6 studies
95910	Motor&sens 7-8 nrv cndj test	Nrv cndj test 7-8 studies

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HCPCS Code	Old Short Description	Revised Short Description
95911	Motor&sen 9-10 nrv cndj test	Nrv cndj test 9-10 studies
95912	Motor&sen 11-12 nrv cnd test	Nrv cndj test 11-12 studies
95913	Motor&sens 13/> nrv cnd test	Nrv cndj test 13/> studies
95907-26	Motor&/sens 1-2 nrv cndj tst	Nvr cndj tst 1-2 studies
95908-26	Motor&/sens 3-4 nrv cndj tst	Nrv cndj tst 3-4 studies
95909-26	Motor&/sens 5-6 nrv cndj tst	Nrv cndj tst 5-6 studies
95910-26	Motor&sens 7-8 nrv cndj test	Nrv cndj test 7-8 studies
95911-26	Motor&sen 9-10 nrv cndj test	Nrv cndj test 9-10 studies
95912-26	Motor&sen 11-12 nrv cnd test	Nrv cndj test 11-12 studies
95913-26	Motor&sens 13/> nrv cnd test	Nrv cndj test 13/> studies
95907-TC	Motor&/sens 1-2 nrv cndj tst	Nvr cndj tst 1-2 studies
95908-TC	Motor&/sens 3-4 nrv cndj tst	Nrv cndj tst 3-4 studies
95909-TC	Motor&/sens 5-6 nrv cndj tst	Nrv cndj tst 5-6 studies
95910-TC	Motor&sens 7-8 nrv cndj test	Nrv cndj test 7-8 studies
95911-TC	Motor&sen 9-10 nrv cndj test	Nrv cndj test 9-10 studies
95912-TC	Motor&sen 11-12 nrv cnd test	Nrv cndj test 11-12 studies
95913-TC	Motor&sens 13/> nrv cnd test	Nrv cndj test 13/> studies
0195T	Arthrod presac interbody	Prescl fuse w/o instr L5/S1
0196T	Arthrod presac interbody eac	Prescl fuse w/o instr L4/L5
0206T	Pptr dbs alys car elec dta	Cptr dbs alys car elec dta
90700	Dtap vaccine > 7 yrs im	Dtap vaccine < 7 yrs im
90702	Dt vaccine > 7 yrs im	Dt vaccine < 7 yrs im

- G9157 will become an active code with a Procstat of "A" and a PC/TC indicator of "2" = Professional component only. Payment amounts are being included. All other indicators remain the same. This change is effective January 1, 2013.
- 33961 Global Indicator is being corrected to "XXX". This change is effective January 1, 2013.
- The **TC components** of the following Nerve Conduction Test: 95907, 95908, 95909, 95910, 95911, 95912, and 95913, are having their Physician Supervision Of Diagnostic Procedures Indicators adjusted to "7A" = "Supervision standards for level 77 apply; in addition, the PT with ABPTS certification may personally supervise another PT, but only the PT with ABPTS certification may bill." ("77" = "Procedure must be performed by a PT with ABPTS certification (TC & PC) or by a PT without certification under general supervision of a physician (TC only; PC always physician)"). These changes are effective January 1, 2013.
- 81161 is being added to the fee schedule with a Procstat of "X" = Statutory exclusion. This change is effective January 1, 2013.

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- Q0507, Q0508, Q0509 are being added to the fee schedule with Procstat indicators of “E” = Excluded from physician fee schedule by regulation. These codes are effective April 1, 2013.
- The Procstat indicator of 3750F, 4142F, 6150F, 3517F is changing to “M” effective April 1, 2013.
- The Procstat indicator of G8559, G8560, G8561, G8562, G8563, G8564, G8565, G8566, G8567, G8568, Q0505 is changing to “I” effective April 1, 2013.
- For 23000, 32997, 32998, their Bilateral Indicators are being corrected to “1” = 150% payment adjustment applies if billed with modifier 50. These changes are effective April 1, 2013.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8169, issued to your carrier, FI, A/B MAC, or RHHI regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2677CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, A/B MAC, or RHHI 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.

News Flash - Flu Season Isn't Over – Continue to Recommend Vaccination - While each flu season is different, flu activity typically peaks in February. Yet, even in February, the flu vaccine is still the best defense against the flu. The [CDC](#) recommends yearly flu vaccination for everyone 6 months of age and older; and although anyone can get the flu, adults 65 years and older are at greater risk for serious flu-related complications that can lead to hospitalization and death. Every office visit is an opportunity to check your patients' vaccination status and encourage flu vaccination when appropriate. And getting vaccinated is just as important for health care personnel who can get sick with the flu and spread it to family, colleagues and patients. Be an example by getting your flu vaccine and know that you're helping to reduce the spread of flu in your community. Note: influenza vaccines and their administration fees are covered Part B benefits. Influenza vaccines are NOT Part D-covered drugs. *For More Information:*

- 2012-2013 [Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing](#).
- [MLN Matters® Article MM8047](#), “Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2012-2013 Season.”
- [CMS Medicare Learning Network® 2012-2013 Seasonal Influenza Virus Educational Products and Resources](#) and [CMS Immunizations](#) web pages for information on coverage and billing.
- [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) – a free, online service where users can find nearby locations offering flu vaccines as well as other vaccines for adults.
- The [CDC's](#) website offers a variety of provider resources for the 2012-2013 flu season.

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