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## Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - October CY 2016 Update

**Note:** This article was revised on August 24, 2016, due to a revised Change Request (CR). The transmittal number, CR release date and link to the CR also changed. All other information remains unchanged.

### Provider Types Affected

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, provider and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries and subject to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

### Provider Action Needed

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This article is based on CR 9749, which informs you that payment files were issued to MACs based upon the Calendar Year (CY) MPFS Final Rule. This change request amends those payment files. Make sure that your billing staffs are 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. Unless otherwise stated, the changes included in the October update to the 2016 MPFSDB are effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2016.

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The key changes for the October update are the following:

CPT/HCPCS Code	Action
G0436	Procedure Status = I (Effective for services on or after 10-1-2016.)
G0437	Procedure Status = I (Effective for services on or after 10-1-2016.)
44799	Procedure Status = C; Global Surgery Days = YYY
32666	Bilateral Indicator = 1

The HCPCS codes listed below have been added to the MPFSDB effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2016. All of these new codes were communicated through other instructions. Please consult those instructions for the description and other information.

Code	Action
G0490	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs; all policy indicators = concept does not apply
G9679	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs; all policy indicators = concept does not apply
G9680	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs; all policy indicators = concept does not apply
G9681	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs; all policy indicators = concept does not apply
G9682	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs; all policy indicators = concept does not apply
G9683	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs; all policy indicators = concept does not apply
G9684	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs; all policy indicators = concept does not apply
G9685	Procedure Status = A; RVUs = Work 3.86, Non-Facility 1.55, Facility 1.55, MP 0.29
G9686	Procedure Status = A; RVUs = Work 1.50, Non-Facility 0.61, Facility 0.61, MP 0.10

The following payment policy indicators apply to G9685 and G9686: Multiple Surgery = 0, Bilateral Surgery = 0, Assistant at Surgery = 0, Co-Surgeons = 0, Team Surgeons = 0, PC/TC = 0, Physician Supervision of Diagnostic Procedures = 09, and Diagnostic Imaging Family = 99. The Global Surgery Days = XXX.

New code G0498, listed below, has been added to the MPFSDB effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2016. The Procedure Status is C and there are no RVUs. The following payment policy indicators apply to G0498: Multiple Surgery = 0, Bilateral Surgery = 0, Assistant at Surgery = 0, Co-Surgeons = 0, Team Surgeons = 0, PC/TC = 5, Physician Supervision of Diagnostic Procedures = 09, and Diagnostic Imaging Family = 99. The Global Surgery Days = YYY.

Code	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor
G0498	Chemo extend iv infus w/pump	Chemotherapy administration, intravenous infusion technique; initiation of infusion in the office/other outpatient setting using office/other outpatient setting pump/supplies, with continuation of the infusion in the community setting (e.g., home, domiciliary, rest home or assisted living) using a portable pump provided by the office/other outpatient setting, includes follow up office/other outpatient visit at the conclusion of the infusion

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## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR9749 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3595CP.pdf>.

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>.

## Document History

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