

Attachment

TITLE OF SOFTWARE/ FILES	SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF UPDATE
Inpatient PRICER	**	Annual Update.
IRF PRICER	**	Annual Update.
LTCH PRICER	**	DRG Update.
OPPS PRICER	11/21/03	Updates to APC rates. Update to wage indices and new logic.
HHA PRICER	**	Annual rate increases and NWI due to legislative mandate.
ASC PRICER	*	Changes to HCPCS codes and wage index.
SNF PRICER	**	Annual rate increases and NWI due to legislative mandate.
Hospice PRICER	**	Annual rate increases and NWI due to legislative mandate.
Single Drug PRICER	*	Update containing payment amounts for covered drugs.
OPPS OCE	11/24/03	Changes to CMS coding, edits, flags, APCs, status indicator descriptions and logic.
Non-OPPS OCE	12/5/03	Changes to codes, ASC payment groups edits and logic.
Inpatient GROUPER	**	Annual update of ICD-9-CM coding and DRGs.
MCE	**	Annual update of inpatient edits.
Zip Code File	10/15/03	Annual update of Zip Codes for ambulance reporting.
Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Edit Table	**	Annual update to table.
MPFSDB	***	Annual rate increases to fee schedule.
MPFSDB Abstract File (Therapy/CORF/CAH)	11/13/03	Annual updates to fee schedule.
Hospice File for RHHIs	11/13/03	Annual rate increases to fee schedule.

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Mammo- graphy Benefit Pricing File	11/13/03	Annual rate increases to fee schedule.
Clinical Diagnostic Lab Fee Schedule	11/5/03—Carrier 11/20/03—FI	Annual rate increases to fee schedule.
DMEPOS Fee Schedule	11/5/03—Carrier 12/4/03—FI	Annual Update to fee schedule.
Ambulance Fee Schedule File	***	Annual update.
SNF Extract of the MPFSDB	11/13/03	Quarterly update of the technical component of those HCPCS codes for which payment may be made to a SNF under Part B.
HCPCS	10/15/03	Annual update of HCPCS codes.

* If there is an update, you will be notified in a separate One-Time Notification.

** There are no updates for these pricing/coding files for January.

***Update depends on completion of regulation.

The PRICER software will be made available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications System. Shared System maintainers will be notified via e-mail when the software is available and will notify you via routine bulletins when they release the PRICER software to you.

The pricing/coding files will be available for retrieval from CMS's Mainframe Telecommunication System. You will be notified in the future via One-Time Notifications of when the pricing/coding files will be available.

Acronyms:

APC – Ambulatory Payment Classification
ASC – Ambulatory Surgical Center
BIPA – Benefits Improvement and Protection Act
CMHC – Community Mental Health Center
CORFs – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
DMEPOS – Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic Orthotic and Supply
DRGs – Diagnosis Related Groups
HHA – Home Health Agency
HCPCS – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
ICD-9-CM – International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
IRF – Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
LTCH – Long Term Care Hospital
MCE – Medicare Code Editor
MPFSDB – Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database
NWI – New Wage Indexes
OCE – Outpatient Code Editor
OPPS – Outpatient Prospective Payment System
RHHIs – Regional Home Health Intermediaries
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities