

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 3166</b>	<b>Date: January 16, 2015</b>
	<b>Change Request 9081</b>

**SUBJECT: Emergency Update to the CY 2015 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Payment files were issued to contractors based on the CY 2015 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule. This change request amends those payment files, including an updated conversion factor of \$35.7547 for services furnished between January 1, 2015 and March 31, 2015, consistent with the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 that provides for a zero percent update from CY 2014 rates.

Please note that the work related to this Change Request has already been done by the Medicare contractors via a previous direction, which was implemented on January 5, 2015. Therefore, the implementation date is prior to the release date of this Change Request.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 5, 2015**

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.*

**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC statement of Work. The contractor is not obliged to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Recurring Update Notification**

# Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** Payment files were issued to contractors based upon the CY 2015 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule, displayed on October 31, 2014 (and published in the Federal Register on November 13, 2014). This change request amends those payment files in order to correct technical errors to the MPFS update files, including an updated conversion factor of \$35.7547 for services furnished between January 1, 2015 and March 31, 2015, consistent with the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 that provides for a zero percent update from the CY 2014 rate.

**B. Policy:** In preparing the CY 2015 final rates, errors were made in work, practice expense and malpractice RVUs. In correcting these errors and making adjustments to reflect the policies in the CY 2015 final rule with comment period, relativity adjustments were required across the fee schedule and the conversion factor was adjusted from that published in the final rule. The amended payment files reflect all these changes and a conversion factor of \$35.7547 for services furnished on or after January 1, 2015 and on or before March 31, 2015.

Under current law, a new conversion factor will be required for services furnished on or after April 1, 2015. These files will be provided with the April quarterly update.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								Other
		A/B MAC			D M E	Shared- System Maintainers				
		A	B	H H H		F I A S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
9081.1	Contractors shall retrieve the revised payment files, as identified in this CR, from the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System. Contractors will be notified via email when these files are available for retrieval.	X	X	X						
9081.2	Notification of successful receipt shall be sent via email to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov stating the name of the file received and the entity for which it was received (e.g., Medicare contractor name and number).	X	X	X						
9081.3	Contractors shall begin to pay claims using these new	X	X	X						

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		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	files no later than January 15, 2015, unless otherwise directed by CMS.									

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
9081.4	MLN Article : A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/">http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X	X	X		

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	N/A

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information:** The following 2015 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFSDB) correction notice files for changes effective January 1, 2015, are available on the CMS mainframe:

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.RV1.C00000.V1222

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.ABSTR.V1222.FI

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.HHH.V1222.FI

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.MAMMO.V1222.FI

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.PAYIND.V1222

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.SNF.V1222.FI

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY15.ANES.V1223

CMS is modifying the usual yearly change report to compare the original CY15 MPFS file to the corrected CY15 MPFS file. The following change file will be available on the CMS mainframe as soon as 1/6/15, and the FWG will be notified of its availability as soon as it is posted:

MU00.@BF12390.MFS2015.PRINT1A.COMP

## **V. CONTACTS**

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**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

## **VI. FUNDING**

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