

Fact Sheet: Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Changes to the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Expanded Model (MDPP)

The MDPP expanded model was implemented through the rulemaking process in two phases in the CY 2017 PFS final rule¹ and in the CY 2018 PFS final rule². Through the [CY 2024 PFS](#), we are amending the MDPP expanded model to revise certain MDPP policies adopted through previous rulemaking.

Extending the Public Health Emergency Flexibilities through 2027

Some of the flexibilities allowed under the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency are extended for a period of 4 years until December 31, 2027, including:

- *Alternatives to the requirement for in-person weight measurement (§410.79(e)(3)(iii)).* Section 410.79(e)(3)(iii) permits an MDPP supplier to obtain weight measurements for MDPP beneficiaries for the baseline weight and any weight loss-based performance achievement goals in the following manner: (1) via digital technology, such as scales that transmit weights securely via wireless or cellular transmission; or (2) via self-reported weight measurements from the at-home digital scale of the MDPP beneficiary. The MDPP beneficiary may self-report their weight by submitting to the MDPP supplier a date-stamped photo or video recording of the beneficiary's weight, with the beneficiary visible in their home. The photo or video must clearly document the weight of the MDPP beneficiary as it appears on the digital scale on the date associated with the billable MDPP session. This flexibility allows suppliers to bill for participants achieving weight loss performance goals.
- *Elimination of the maximum number of virtual services (§ 410.79(e)(3)(iv)).* The virtual session limits described in § 410.79 (d)(2), and (d)(3)(i) and (ii) do not apply, and MDPP suppliers may provide all MDPP sessions virtually as long as the virtual services are furnished in a manner that is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP) standards³ for distance learning sessions, follow the CDC-approved National DPP curriculum requirements, and the supplier has an in-person DPRP organizational code.

Updating Fee Schedule for MDPP Services

Expanded model regulations are amended to allow for fee-for-service payments for beneficiary attendance during the core services period while retaining the performance-based payments for diabetes risk reduction (weight loss).

- *Attendance payments.* CMS will make payments to an MDPP supplier if an MDPP beneficiary attends a core session or core maintenance session, for up to 22 sessions (alone or in combination with other codes, not to exceed 22 sessions in a 12-month timeframe).

¹ <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2016-11-15/pdf/2016-26668.pdf>

² <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2017-11-15/pdf/2017-23953.pdf>

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program Standards and Operating Procedures*, 5/1/2021. <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/pdf/dprp-standards.pdf>

- *Performance payments.* CMS makes one or more types of performance payments to an MDPP supplier after 1) the MDPP beneficiary achieves the required 5 percent weight loss, 2) the beneficiary maintains the 5 percent weight loss goal during a core maintenance session in months 7-12, or 3) the MDPP beneficiary achieves 9 percent weight loss. Each type of performance payment is made only if the beneficiary achieves the applicable performance goal.

Changes to MDPP Payment Structure to include Attendance-Based Service Payments and Diabetes Risk Reduction Performance Payments

| HCPCS G-Code | Payment Description* | CY 2024 |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
| G9886 | Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, in-person, group, 60 minutes | \$25 |
| G9887 | Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, distance learning, 60 minutes | \$25 |
| G9880 | 5 percent weight loss (WL) Achieved from baseline weight | \$145 |
| G9881 | 9 percent WL Achieved from baseline weight | \$25 |
| G9888** | Maintenance 5 percent WL from baseline in months 7-12 | \$8 |
| G9890 | Bridge Payment | \$25 |
| | Subtotal Maximum Attendance-Based Payment | \$550 |
| | Total Maximum Payment | \$768 |

**Medicare pays up to 22 sessions billed with codes G9886 and G9887, combined, in a 12-month period:*

Months 1-6: 1 in-person or distance learning session every week (max 16 sessions)

Months 7-12: 1 in-person or distance learning session every month (max 6 sessions)

*** Suppliers must submit claim for 5 percent weight loss (G9880) prior to submitting claims for the maintenance 5 percent weight loss (WL) from baseline in months 7-12 (G9888).*

Retiring Ongoing Maintenance Services

CMS has removed all reference to, and requirements of, the Ongoing Maintenance phase with the exception of § 424.205 newly designated (d)(14), which we are retaining for historical recordkeeping and crosswalk purposes. In the CY 2022 PFS, CMS removed eligibility for the Ongoing Maintenance Sessions for those beneficiaries who started the Set of MDPP services on or after January 1, 2022. Eligibility for these services will end December 31, 2023.