

ADVISORY PANEL ON HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT PAYMENT

AGENDA

August 24, 2026

Meeting details including TEAMS WEBINAR and TELECONFERENCE instructions will be available in the meeting “Downloads” section on the CMS website at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/AdvisoryPanelonAmbulatoryPaymentClassificationGroups.html>

PLEASE NOTE: THE AGENDA TIMES ARE EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME (EDT) AND APPROXIMATE

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

9:30 am	Opening—Welcome Panel Organization & Issues	E. L. Hambrick, MD, JD Chair, HOP Panel
9:40 am	CMS Welcome	Don Thompson Acting Director, Hospital & Ambulatory Policy Group
9:50 am	Virtual Meeting Logistics	Abigail Cesnik Designated Federal Officer, Division of Outpatient Care
9:55 am	Overview of CY 2026 OPPI Final Rule & CY 2027 OPPI Proposed Rule	David Rice Director, Division of Outpatient Care
10:05 am	Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Group & Status Indicator (SI) Subcommittee Report 1. Discussion 2. Panel Comments	Rahul Seth, DO, FASCO Subcommittee Chair, APC & SI
10:15 am	Data Subcommittee Report 1. Discussion 2. Panel Comments	William Tettelbach, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FUHM, MAPWCA, CWSP Subcommittee Chair, Data
10:25 am	BREAK (5 min)	

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10:30 am Comprehensive APC Complexity Adjustments

1. Overview

Elise Barringer

Division of Outpatient Care

2. Public Presentations

Susan Slaton;

Darshan Doshi, MD

Philips

Ta-Yuan Ho

Boston Scientific Corporation

Chandra Branham

Johnson & Johnson

3. Discussion

4. Panel Comments

11:00 am APC Assignment for Endobronchial Valve Procedure

1. Overview

Gina Aughenbaugh

Division of Outpatient Care

2. Public Presentation

Gabriel Brown

Pulmonx

Stuart Langbein

Hogan Lovells

3. Discussion

4. Panel Comments

11:15 am APC Assignment and Status Indicator for Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Therapy

1. Overview

Nate Vercauteran

Division of Outpatient Care

2. Public Presentation

Marshall Bedder;

Joe Milkovits

Neuralace Medical

3. Discussion

4. Panel Comments

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11:30 am APC Assignment for Major Depressive Disorder Treatment

1. Overview

Tonya Gierke
Division of Outpatient Care

2. Public Presentation

Brandon Bentzley, MD, PhD
Magnus Medical
Eric Greig
Cooley LLP

3. Discussion

4. Panel Comments

11:45 am APC Assignment for Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection Procedures

1. Overview

Tonya Gierke
Division of Outpatient Care

2. Public Presentation

Ruhy Patel
Olympus Corporation of the Americas

3. Discussion

4. Panel Comments

12:00 pm LUNCH (1 hour)

1:00 pm Payment for Cellular and/or Tissue-based Products (CTPs) and Total Contact Casts (TCC)

1. Overview

Cory Duke
Division of Outpatient Care

2. Public Presentation

Marcia Nusgart
Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders
Kathleen Schaum
Kathleen D Schaum & Assoc, Inc

3. Discussion

4. Panel Comments

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**1:15 pm APC Assignment for Gastric Electrophysiology
Mapping Procedure**

1. Overview

Nicole Marcos
Division of Outpatient Care

2. Public Presentation

Greg O’Grady
Alimetry Ltd

3. Discussion

4. Panel Comments

**1:30 pm APC Assignment for Radiation Treatment
Planning Software**

1. Overview

Nicole Marcos
Division of Outpatient Care

2. Public Presentation

Daniel Kim, MD
Inova Schar Cancer Center

3. Discussion

4. Panel Comments

1:45 pm Meeting Summary and Panel Recommendations

2:45 pm MEETING ADJOURNS