

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment

RECOMMENDATIONS

August 24, 2026

APC Assignment for Endobronchial Valve Procedure

1. The Panel recommends that CMS create APC 5156 (Level 6 Airway Endoscopy).

APC Assignment for Major Depressive Disorder Treatment

2. The Panel recommends that CMS maintain the following codes in APC 1525, *New Technology – Level 25 (\$3,501–\$4,000)*, for CY 2027:
 - CPT code 0890T, *Accelerated, repetitive high-dose functional connectivity MRI-guided theta-burst stimulation, including target assessment, initial motor threshold determination, neuronavigation, delivery and management, initial treatment day*
 - CPT code 0891T, *Accelerated, repetitive high-dose functional connectivity MRI-guided theta-burst stimulation, including neuronavigation, delivery and management, subsequent treatment day*
 - CPT code 0892T, *Accelerated, repetitive high-dose functional connectivity MRI-guided theta-burst stimulation, including neuronavigation, delivery and management, subsequent motor threshold redetermination with delivery and management, per treatment day*

Status indicator for Total Contact Cast (TCC)

3. The Panel recommends that CMS reassign CPT code 29445, *Application of rigid total contact leg cast*, to status indicator “S.”

APC Assignment for Gastric Electrophysiology Mapping Procedure

4. The Panel recommends that CMS reassign CPT code 0868T, *High-resolution gastric electrophysiology mapping with simultaneous patient-symptom profiling, with interpretation and report*, from APC 5723, *Level 3 Diagnostic Tests and Services*, to APC 5724, *Level 4 Diagnostic Tests and Services*.

APC Assignment for Radiation Treatment Planning Software

5. The Panel recommends that CMS reassign CPT code 1025T, *Alternating electric fields dosimetry and delivery-simulation modeling, creation and selection of patient-specific array layouts, and placement verification*, from APC 5611, *Level 1 Therapeutic Radiation Treatment Preparation*, to APC 5612, *Level 2 Therapeutic Radiation Treatment Preparation*.

APC and SI Subcommittee Issues

6. The Panel recommends that the work of the APC Groups and SI Assignments Subcommittee continue.
7. The Panel recommends that Adam Levin, MD, MBA, serve as Chair of the APC Groups and SI Assignments Subcommittee in 2027.

Data Subcommittee Issues

8. The Panel recommends that the work of the Data Subcommittee continue.
9. The Panel recommends that CMS continue to provide the Data Subcommittee a list of APCs with costs fluctuating by more than 10 percent between the CY 2027 OPPS Final Rule and the CY 2028 OPPS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
10. The Panel recommends that CMS provide the Data Subcommittee with a claims accounting overview for the CY 2028 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

11. The Panel recommends that Jennifer Artigue, RHIT, CCS serve as Chair of the Data Subcommittee in 2027.