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TO:

EMAIL: medicare.physician.fee.schedule@cms.hhs.gov

RE: Fee Increase Request for CPT Code 93000

Dear Dr. Berman, M.D.,

We wanted to come together and bring to your attention the low allowable Medicare has set for an EKG, Code (93000) \$13.70.

We all know that America has hit a "recession" for the first time in many years. However, we also know per a quote by Senator Rand Paul, "The American Government is at an all time high in spending millions of dollars on non-sense research". The Federal Government needs to support our Great Physicians by compensating them each year with "increases"- not "decreases"- in the Part B Fee Schedule. Though CMS will raise some CPT Code Fees, they also in-turn decrease other CPT Code Fees-so, in essence the overall "increases" is very little if any at all.

Below I have noted some relative cost factors for doing EKGs in the Office. We ask that you reconsider increasing Medicare's allowable from \$13.70 to \$35.64 - which is a more reasonable comparative reimbursement amount.

1. We charge \$40
2. It costs \$75 to or a "10" pack of leads
3. Our Nurse spends the time talking with the patient and attaching the leads and taking the leads off.
4. We use special EKG paper, our ink, wear/tear on the machine, and gloves.
5. The Doctor spends time reviewing the EKG for medical decision making.

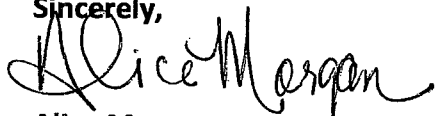
The compilations noted below reflect how I have derived at the new requested fee.

1. \$6.10 is for each packet we use on a patient noted above in #2.
2. Medicare reimburses \$21.19 for a nurse visit (99211) which is typically 5 minutes.
3. Medicare reimburses \$7.64 for billing just an interp/report of an EKG CPT Code (93010).
4. When you add these services fees, you get \$35.64.

As we all know, If patients were to go to an Urgent Care Center or Outpatient Hospital, Medicare would be reimbursing much more entities.

Therefore Dr. Berman, we come together to you asking for your help and your consideration in this matter

Sincerely,

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Dr. Holmes,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the pricing increase request for CPT 93000. This code is not priced by CGS but instead is priced by CMS. You may use the following link to contact CMS: [Contact CMS | CMS](#). If you have any inquiries in the future, you may send those to the CMD.Inquiry@cgsadmin.com mailbox.

Respectfully,

EARL BERMAN, MD, MALPS-L, FACP

*2/1/23 Sent email back asking for
Contact person @ CMS.*

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