README file for 2015 Final Rule Data Addenda B

The 2015 Final Rule Data Addenda B contains the data status indicators, data APC assignments, and data comment indicators that were used in the development of the mean costs for the HCPCS codes and APCs that are the basis of the scaled weights for the CY 2015 Final OPPS. The status indicators, APC assignments, and comment indicators contained in this file differ from those in the Addenda B that is published as part of the final rule in the following ways:

Elements are present for codes that were valid for CY 2013 but which are deleted for 2014.

HCPCS codes that are assigned status indicators Q1 or Q2 for publication have data status indicator N because their default for data purposes is as a packaged service; the status indicator is changed during modeling if the payment circumstances allow the HCPCS to meet the criteria for separate payment. HCPCS codes assigned status indicator Q3 appear with their separate payment status. HCPCS codes for partial hospitalization (PHP) appear with APC 0173 in Data Addenda B, even though those codes could potentially be paid through any of the PHP APCs 0172, 0173, 0175, or 0176 depending on the site of service and number of PHP services provided in each day.

There are five columns in the file:

Column heading	Explanation
HCPCS code	The Healthcare Procedural Coding System code that describes a service for which the code was valid at any time during 2013 or 2014. In a few cases, if the data comment indicator is "REM", the code is a dummy code that was created to carry a cost for a CMS-defined service for which there either is no HCPCS code or for which there was no valid HCPCS code in 2013. See data comment indicator "REM" in the table of comment indicator definitions below for more explanation.
Short Descriptor	The HCPCS short descriptor for the code in column 1; if the code is a CPT code, the short descriptor is the AMA CPT short descriptor.
2015 Final Data Status Indicator	The status indicator that is assigned to the HCPCS code in column 1 for purposes of the use of the claims data in the calculation of CY 2015 OPPS payment rates.
2015 Final Data APC	The APC that is assigned to the HCPCS code in column 1 for purposes of the use of the claims data in the calculation of CY 2015 OPPS payment rates.
2015 Final Data Comment Indicator	The comment indicator that is assigned to the HCPCS code in column 1.

The comment indicators and their definitions appear below:

2015 Final Data Comment Indicator	Definition
CP8	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2008 NPRM as compared to their assignment since June 30, 2007.
CF8	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2008 final rule as compared to their assignment since December 31, 2007.
CP9	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2009 NPRM as compared to their assignment since June 30, 2008.
CF9	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2009 final rule as compared to their assignment since December 31, 2008.
CP10	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2010 NPRM as compared to their assignment since June 30, 2009.
CF10	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2010 final rule as compared to their assignment since December 31, 2009.
CP11	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2011 NPRM as compared to their assignments since June 30, 2010.
CF11	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2011 final rule as compared to their assignments since December 31, 2010.
CP12	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2012 NPRM as compared to their assignments since June 30, 2011.
CF12	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2012 final rule as compared to their assignments since December 31, 2011.
CP13	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2013 NPRM as compared to their assignments since June 30, 2012.
CF13	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2013 final rule as compared to their assignments since December 31, 2012.
CP14	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2014 NPRM as compared to their assignments since June 30, 2013
CF14	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2014 final rule as compared to their assignments since December 31, 2013.
CP15	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2015 NPRM as compared to their assignments since June 30, 2014
CF15	There was a change in the SI or APC, or both, for the 2015 final rule as compared to their assignments since December 31, 2014.
PD15	HCPCS is proposed for deletion for 2015
D9	HCPCS was deleted for 2009
D10	HCPCS was deleted for 2010
DJ10	HCPCS was deleted for July 2010
D11	HCPCS was deleted for 2011
DA11	HCPCS was deleted for April 2011
DJ11	HCPCS was deleted for July 2011
D12	HCPCS was deleted for 2012
DJ12	HCPCS was deleted for July 2012

D13	HCPCS was deleted for 2013
DA13	HCPCS was deleted for April 2013
DJ13	HCPCS was deleted for July 2013
D14	HCPCS was deleted for 2014
D15	HCPCS was deleted for 2015
NA5	HCPCS was new for April 2005
NA7	HCPCS was new for April 2007
NA8	HCPCS was new for April 2008
NA9	HCPCS was new for April 2009
NA10	HCPCS was new for April 2010
NA11	HCPCS was new for April 2011
NA12	HCPCS was new for April 2012
NA13	HCPCS was new for April 2013
NA14	HCPCS was new for April 2014
NI6	HCPCS was new for January 2006
NI7	HCPCS was new for January 2007
NI8	HCPCS was new for January 2008
NI9	HCPCS was new for January 2009
NI10	HCPCS was new for January 2010
NI11	HCPCS was new for January 2011
NI12	HCPCS was new for January 2012
NI13	HCPCS was new for January 2013
NI14	HCPCS was new for January 2014
NI15	HCPCS was new for January 2015
NJ5	HCPCS was new for July 2005
NJ6	HCPCS was new for July 2006
NJ7	HCPCS was new for July 2007
NJ8	HCPCS was new for July 2008
NJ9	HCPCS was new for July 2009
NJ10	HCPCS was new for July 2010
NJ11	HCPCS was new for July 2011
NJ12	HCPCS was new for July 2012
NJ13	HCPCS was new for July 2013
NJ14	HCPCS was new for July 2014
NO5	HCPCS was new for October 2005
NO6	HCPCS was new for October 2006
NO7	HCPCS was new for October 2007
NO8	HCPCS was new for October 2008
NO10	HCPCS was new for October 2010
NO11	HCPCS was new for October 2011
NO12	HCPCS was new for October 2012
NO13	HCPCS was new for October 2013
NO14	HCPCS was new for October 2014
RA8	HCPCS had been deleted but was reinstated for 2008
RA9	HCPCS had been deleted but was reinstated for 2009
RA11	HCPCS had been deleted but was reinstated for 2011

RA12	HCPCS had been deleted but was reinstated for 2012
REM	The "HCPCS" code in column 1 is a dummy code that was created as a vehicle by which to carry a cost that is calculated according to a set of criteria for purposes of the modeling that is necessary for budget neutrality, outlier estimation, and impact analysis purposes. For example, each composite APC has a dummy code. Similarly, services defined by codes that are new for 2013 for which there is no comparable code in the 2012 data may be assigned a dummy code for purposes of estimating the cost of the service from CY 2012 claims data using applicable criteria. Dummy codes are not included in publication Addenda B.
RV10	HCPCS with substantial revision to its code descriptor in 2010 as compared to 2009.
RV11	HCPCS with substantial revision to its code descriptor in 2011 as compared to 2010.
RV13	HCPCS with substantial revision to its code descriptor in 2013 as compared to 2012.