

CY 2019 OPPSVASC Final Rule Hospital Outpatient Department Prospective Payment System
Payment Impact File

This file contains data used to assess the impact of the final CY 2019 Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS) on payments (including beneficiary co-payments) to hospitals and CMHCs. The data comes from various sources, including hospital cost report extracts predominately from fiscal years 2016 and 2017, the outpatient provider specific file, and the IPPS Final Rule FY 2019 impact file for hospital inpatient operating and capital payments in addition to CY 2017 claims data. The data is abstracted from an internal file used to conduct the impact analysis of the final OPPS for CY 2019. This file does not include children's and cancer hospitals as these facilities are held harmless under 1833(t)(7)(D)(ii) of the Act and modeled payments for these providers under the OPPS may not reflect total outpatient payments.

CY 2019 HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT
PPS PAYMENT IMPACT FILE: FINAL RULE ¹

Column.	Title	Description
A	Provider Number	Six character OSCAR Provider Number (CMS Certification Number). In general, the first two digits identify the State. ²
B	Provider Name	The name of the Medicare provider from OSCAR.
C	CBSA Code	Up to five character code designating the provider's CBSA location prior to wage index reclassification.
D	Total Discounted Units	Discounted units are the total number of units after we adjust for the multiple procedure reduction of 50 percent that applies to payment for services assigned to status indicator "T" under the final payment system when multiple "T" status procedures are performed in the same encounter as well as terminated procedures. This field also reflects any changes in units as a result of final policies. For example, the units for a composite payment typically are 1. This unit field also reflects the AMA's estimates of new code utilization created for the MPFS final rule.
E	Rural Sole Community and Essential Access Hospitals	Identifies a Sole Community Hospital or Essential Access Hospital that has a rural geographic location and/or a rural reclassified wage index location. ³
F	Post Reclassification Wage Index	Final FY 2019 inpatient hospital wage index after reclassification by the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board (MGCRB). The wage index includes any outmigration adjustment, application of the IPPS rural floor budget neutrality adjustment on a national basis, an occupational mix adjustment, and continues to use CBSAs to define labor market areas. The wage index also includes the Frontier state wage index adjustment created by

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		section 10324 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. ⁴
G	All Rural	Identifies hospitals that are considered rural, either because of their CBSA geographic location or their reclassified wage index location. LURBAN/OURBAN= 0 RURAL=1
H	Urban/Rural Geographic Location	Identifies urban or rural status based solely on CBSA geographic location. LURBAN= Large urban area OURBAN=Other urban area RURAL= Rural area
I	Region	Based on pre-reclassification CBSA assignment NE = New England MA = Middle Atlantic SA = South Atlantic WNC = West North Central ENC = East North Central ESC = East South Central WSC = West South Central MNT = Mountain PAC = Pacific PR = Puerto Rico
J	Disproportionate Share Patient Percentage	From the FY 2019 Final IPPS impact file: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/FY2019-IPPS-Final-Rule-Home-Page.html The DSH variable is based on cost report and Social Security Administration (SSA) data. ⁵
K	Outpatient Cost-to-Charge Ratio	Cost-to-charge ratios are obtained from the October 2018 outpatient provider specific file. An internally calculated CCR is used to replace zero or missing values. For CCRs greater than the upper limit of 1.7, the statewide default CCR is used. ⁶

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L	Estimated 2018 PPS Payment	Estimated total CY 2018 Medicare program and beneficiary OPPS payments for the services for which CMS is able to simulate payments. These dollars include estimated CY 2018 outlier payments, a wage index that includes the Frontier state wage index adjustment created by section 10324 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, a 0.6 percentage point market basket reduction as a result of the multifactor productivity adjustment and an additional 0.75 percentage point market basket reduction in CY 2018 implemented by sections 3401 and 10319 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended by section 1105 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.. ⁷
M	Estimated 2019 PPS Payment	<p>Estimated total CY 2019 Medicare program and beneficiary OPPS payments for the services for which CMS is able to simulate payments. These dollars include estimated CY 2019 outlier payments, a wage index that includes the Frontier state wage index adjustment created by section 10324 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, a 0.8 percentage point market basket reduction as a result of the multifactor productivity adjustment and an additional 0.75 percentage point market basket reduction in CY 2019 implemented by sections 3401 and 10319 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended by section 1105 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.</p> <p>We note that this column includes the estimated impact of paying for clinic visits furnished at off campus PBDs at an amount equal to the site-specific PFS payment rate for nonexcepted items and services furnished by a nonexcepted off-campus PBD (the PFS payment rate), including the two year phase-in described by the CY 2019 OPPS/ASC final rule.</p>
N	Estimated 2019 Outlier Payment	Estimated OPPS outlier payments for CY 2019 under the final outlier policy. ⁸
O	Number of Beds	Derived from the most recent cost report of the provider.
P	Teaching Hospitals	Identifies major and minor teaching hospitals.
Q	Ownership	Identifies type of ownership: voluntary, proprietary, or government. 1=Voluntary 2=Proprietary 3=Government

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R	CMHC	Identifies the provider as a CMHC Y=Yes N=No
S	Provider lines	This is the total number of times a payable service (HCPCS code) appears on the 2017 claims after applying the final CY 2019 OPPS policy.

¹ Additional provider variables for short-term Hospitals paid under IPPS can be obtained from the FY 2019 Final hospital inpatient PPS Payment Impact File: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/FY2019-IPPS-Final-Rule-Home-Page.html>

² A list of SSA state codes is available in Transmittal 29, Change Request 5490, "New Number Series and State Codes for CMS Certification Numbers (formerly OSCAR Provider Numbers)" issued October 12, 2007. This is the OSCAR Provider Number and not the NPI.

³ The impact table presents impacts for rural sole community and essential access hospitals with a geographic rural location.

⁴ The frontier state wage index adjustment is described in Section II.C. of the CY 2019 OPPS/ASC Final Rule.

⁵ This variable is missing for hospitals not included on the FY 2019 Final inpatient impact file, which generally are hospitals not paid under IPPS, including long-term care, rehabilitation, or psychiatric hospitals, although some short-term acute hospitals bill OPPS and not IPPS.

⁶ The application of the statewide CCR is described in Section II.D. of the CY 2019 OPPS/ASC Final Rule. Statewide CCRs are provided in Section II.D. of the CY 2019 OPPS/ASC Final Rule.

⁷ These payments are simulated, and actual payments will differ. Estimated amounts are based on the distribution of services present in the 2017 claims that we could model. The 2017 claims are refined to those with valid, covered HCPCS and valid CCRs on the provider's most recent cost report. CMS does not predict behavioral changes in volume or case mix for purposes of calculating impacts.

⁸ As discussed in section II.G. of the CY 2019 OPPS/ASC Final Rule preamble, we used the CCR from the October (third quarter) 2018 outpatient provider specific file (<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PCPricer/Outpatient-PPS-Pricer-Code.html>) to model the final outlier threshold and estimated outlier payments for 2019 included in this impact file.