

We are making the information in this file available in response to several requests from public commenters. We considered information on the practice expense worksheets included in this file in our analysis supporting the proposed MPPR on second and subsequent cardiovascular and ophthalmology diagnostic services provided on the same day by the same physician or group practice (77 FR 44748-44752). These worksheets were recommendations to CMS by the American Medical Association\Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee (AMA RUC) on direct practice expense inputs for these codes. The input information may differ from the inputs included in the DPEI that we use to establish PE RVUs. The inputs included in the DPEI were adopted after being subject to notice and comment following our review of the AMA RUC practice expense input recommendations. Our final MPPR analysis was based on the minutes as reflected in the DPEI database (available on the CMS Web site under the “downloads” section for the CY 2013 PFS proposed rule at <http://www.cms.gov/PhysicianFeeSched/>). However, because we used the practice expense worksheets to identify the clinical labor activities that constitute the minutes assigned to each code, these worksheets are included in this file for reference.