



Updating Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Payment Rates

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This MLN Matters Article is intended for organizations enrolled as Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for MDPP services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Change Request (CR) 10970 contains instructions for MACs and the Railroad Specialty MAC to update the MDPP Expanded Model payment rates for CY 2019. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of the update.

BACKGROUND

The MDPP Expanded Model is an expansion of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) model test, which was tested from 2012-2015 under the authority of Section 1115A(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

In March of 2016, the Secretary of Health and Human Services determined the DPP model test met the criteria for expansion in duration and scope under the authority of Section 1115A(c) of the Act. Following this determination, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) expanded the model nationwide through the CY 2017 and 2018 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rules.

MDPP suppliers began enrolling in Medicare on January 1, 2018, and began furnishing MDPP services and billing Medicare for MDPP services on April 1, 2018. The MDPP Expanded Model is intended to prevent Medicare beneficiaries with an indication of prediabetes from developing diabetes. Prevention of diabetes among this high-risk group of Medicare beneficiaries is expected to result in significant cost savings to the Medicare program.

CMS pays MDPP suppliers using a performance-based payment method that is based on

beneficiary achievement of weight loss and attendance goals. CMS also offers a one-time “bridge payment” to MDPP suppliers when a beneficiary begins receiving services from them but previously received services from a different MDPP supplier. For more information on MDPP payments, please visit <https://go.cms.gov/mdpp>.

The CY 2018 MDPP payment rates were established in the CY 2018 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule final rule. This rule also stipulates that the MDPP performance payments and bridge payment will be adjusted each calendar year by the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (U.S. city average) for the 12-month period ending June 30th of the year preceding the update year. The percent change update will be calculated based on the level of precision of the index as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and applied based on one decimal place of precision. Payment rates will be in effect each year from January 1st through December 31st.

CMS intends to calculate the payment rates for each calendar year and instruct the MACs and the Railroad Specialty MAC to update the MDPP payment rates each year through a change request (CR). The annual rates each year will be published by CMS transmittal.

CR10970 contains instructions to MACs and the Railroad Specialty MAC to update the MDPP Expanded Model payment rates for CY 2019. CMS has calculated the MDPP payment rates for CY 2019, which are displayed in the following table. The rates below will be in effect for dates of service January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Table: MDPP Expanded Model HCPCS G-Codes CY 2019

HCPCS G- Code	Long Descriptor	2019 Payment Amount
G9873	First Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) core session was attended by an MDPP beneficiary under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). A core session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 1 through 6 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for core sessions.	\$26
G9874	Four total Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) core sessions were attended by an MDPP beneficiary under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). A core session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 1 through 6 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for core sessions.	\$51

HCPCS G- Code	Long Descriptor	2019 Payment Amount
G9875	Nine total Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) core sessions were attended by an MDPP beneficiary under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). A core session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 1 through 6 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for core sessions.	\$93
G9876	Two Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) core maintenance sessions (MS) were attended by an MDPP beneficiary in months (mo.) 7-9 under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). A core maintenance session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 7 through 12 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for maintenance sessions. The beneficiary did not achieve at least 5% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight, as measured by at least one in-person weight measurement at a core maintenance session in months 7-9.	\$15
G9877	Two Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) core maintenance sessions (MS) were attended by an MDPP beneficiary in months (mo) 10-12 under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). A core maintenance session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 7 through 12 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for maintenance sessions. The beneficiary did not achieve at least 5% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight, as measured by at least one in-person weight measurement at a core maintenance session in months 10-12.	\$15
G9878	Two Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) core maintenance sessions (MS) were attended by an MDPP beneficiary in months (mo) 7-9 under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). A core maintenance session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 7 through 12 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for maintenance sessions. The beneficiary achieved at least 5% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight, as measured by at least one in-person weight measurement at a core maintenance session in months 7-9.	\$62
G9879	Two Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) core maintenance sessions (MS) were attended by an MDPP beneficiary in months (mo) 10-12 under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). A core maintenance session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 7 through 12 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for maintenance sessions.	\$62

HCPCS G- Code	Long Descriptor	2019 Payment Amount
	The beneficiary achieved at least 5% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight, as measured by at least one in-person weight measurement at a core maintenance session in months 10-12.	
G9880	The MDPP beneficiary achieved at least 5% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight in months 1-12 of the MDPP services period under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). This is a one-time payment available when a beneficiary first achieves at least 5% weight loss from baseline as measured by an in-person weight measurement at a core session or core maintenance session.	\$165
G9881	The MDPP beneficiary achieved at least 9% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight in months 1-24 under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). This is a one-time payment available when a beneficiary first achieves at least 9% weight loss from baseline as measured by an in-person weight measurement at a core session, core maintenance session, or ongoing maintenance session.	\$26
G9882	Two Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) ongoing maintenance sessions (MS) were attended by an MDPP beneficiary in months (mo) 13-15 under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). An ongoing maintenance session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 13 through 24 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for maintenance sessions. The beneficiary maintained at least 5% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight, as measured by at least one in-person weight measurement at an ongoing maintenance session in months 13-15.	\$51
G9883	Two Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) ongoing maintenance sessions (MS) were attended by an MDPP beneficiary in months (mo) 16-18 under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). An ongoing maintenance session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 13 through 24 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for maintenance sessions. The beneficiary maintained at least 5% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight, as measured by at least one in-person weight measurement at an ongoing maintenance session in months 16-18.	\$51
G9884	Two Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) ongoing maintenance sessions (MS) were attended by an MDPP beneficiary in months (mo) 19-21 under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). An ongoing maintenance session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 13 through 24 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for maintenance sessions.	\$51

HCPCS G- Code	Long Descriptor	2019 Payment Amount
	The beneficiary maintained at least 5% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight, as measured by at least one in-person weight measurement at an ongoing maintenance session in months 19-21.	
G9885	Two Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) ongoing maintenance sessions (MS) were attended by an MDPP beneficiary in months (mo) 22-24 under the MDPP Expanded Model (EM). An ongoing maintenance session is an MDPP service that: (1) is furnished by an MDPP supplier during months 13 through 24 of the MDPP services period; (2) is approximately 1 hour in length; and (3) adheres to a CDC-approved DPP curriculum for maintenance sessions. The beneficiary maintained at least 5% weight loss (WL) from his/her baseline weight, as measured by at least one in-person weight measurement at an ongoing maintenance session in months 22-24.	\$51
G9890	Bridge Payment: A one-time payment for the first Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) core session, core maintenance session, or ongoing maintenance session furnished by an MDPP supplier to an MDPP beneficiary during months 1-24 of the MDPP Expanded Model (EM) who has previously received MDPP services from a different MDPP supplier under the MDPP Expanded Model. A supplier may only receive one bridge payment per MDPP beneficiary.	\$26
G9891	MDPP session reported as a line-item on a claim for a payable MDPP Expanded Model (EM) HCPCS code for a session furnished by the billing supplier under the MDPP Expanded Model and counting toward achievement of the attendance performance goal for the payable MDPP Expanded Model HCPCS code. (This code is for reporting purposes only).	\$0

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10970, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R2151OTN.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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