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| <b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b> | <b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b> |
| <b>Transmittal 10528</b>                | <b>Date: December 23, 2020</b>                            |
|   | <b>Change Request 12030</b>                               |

**SUBJECT: Updating Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Payment Rates**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This change request (CR) contains instructions to A/B MACs (Part B) and the Railroad Specialty MAC to update the MDPP Expanded Model payment rates for CY 2021. CMS has calculated the MDPP payment rates for CY 2021 and included them in an attachment to this CR.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021**

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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 4, 2021**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

| <b>R/N/D</b> | <b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b> |
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| N/A          | N/A   |

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**One Time Notification**

# Attachment - One-Time Notification

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### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** The MDPP Expanded Model is an expansion of the Center 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). The Secretary of Health and Human Services expanded the DPP model test in duration and scope under the authority of section 1115A(c) of the Act. Following certification of the DPP model test by the Chief Actuary in March 2016, 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 could begin 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 as certified by the Office of the Actuary.

**B. Policy:** In the CY 2018 Physician Fee Schedule final rule, CMS stated, "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. The annual MDPP services payment update will be published by CMS transmittal."

This means that the MDPP payment rates will be adjusted each calendar year based on the CPI-U. 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 A/B MACs (Part B) and the Railroad Specialty MAC to manually update the MDPP payment rates each year through a non-systems-change Change Request (CR).

This CR contains instructions to A/B MACs (Part B) and the Railroad Specialty MAC to update the MDPP Expanded Model payment rates for CY 2021. CMS has calculated the MDPP payment rates for CY 2021 and included them in an attachment to this CR.

The A/B MACs (Part B) and the Railroad Specialty MAC may contact Amanda Rhee (amanda.rhee@cms.hhs.gov) with any questions.

### II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

| Number  | Requirement   | Responsibility |   |       |                           |       |         |       |       |       |          |
|---------|---|----------------|---|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
|         |   | A/B MAC        |   | D M E | Shared-System Maintainers |       |         |       | Other |       |          |
|         |   | A              | B |       | H H H                     | M A C | F I S S | M C S |       | V M S | C W F    |
| 12030.1 | The A/B MACs (Part B) and the Railroad Specialty MAC shall manually update the CY 2021 payment rates for the 15 valid MDPP Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) G-codes based on the payment rates found in the attached document. These rates must be in effect for dates of service January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. |                | X |       |                           |       |         |       |       |       | RRB-SMAC |

**III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE**

| Number  | Requirement   | Responsibility |   |       |       |         |       |  |
|---------|---|----------------|---|-------|-------|---------|-------|--|
|         |   | A/B MAC        |   |       | D M E | C E D I |       |  |
|         |   | A              | B | H H H |       |         | M A C |  |
| 12030.2 | MLN Article: CMS will make available an MLN Matters provider education article that will be marketed through the MLN Connects weekly newsletter shortly after the CR is released. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1, instructions for distributing MLN Connects information to providers, posting the article or a direct link to the article on your website, and including the article or a direct link to the article in your bulletin or newsletter. You may supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information benefiting your provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly. Subscribe to the “MLN Matters” listserv to get article release notifications, or review them in the MLN Connects weekly newsletter. |                | X |       |       |         |       |  |

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

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| <b>X-Ref Requirement Number</b> | <b>Recommendations or other supporting information:</b> |
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**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

## **V. CONTACTS**

**Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Amanda Rhee, amanda.rhee@cms.hhs.gov

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

## **VI. FUNDING**

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**ATTACHMENTS: 1**

### MDPP Expanded Model HCPCS G-Codes CY 2021

| HCPCS G-Code | Long Descriptor   | 2021 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.   | <b>\$26</b>         |
| 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.  | <b>\$52</b>         |
| 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.  | <b>\$95</b>         |
| 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.<br><br>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.     | <b>\$15</b>         |
| 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.<br><br>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. | <b>\$15</b>         |
| 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.<br><br>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.            | <b>\$63</b>         |

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| G9879 | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>               | <b>\$63</b>  |
| G9880 | <p>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.</p>  | <b>\$169</b> |
| G9881 | <p>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.</p>  | <b>\$26</b>  |
| G9882 | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <b>\$52</b>  |
| G9883 | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <b>\$52</b>  |
| G9884 | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <b>\$53</b>  |
| G9885 | <p>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.</p>  | <b>\$53</b>  |

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|       | 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.  |             |
| 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. | <b>\$27</b> |
| 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).  | <b>\$0</b>  |