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	Change Request 12289

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - July 2021 Update

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Payment files were issued to contractors based upon the 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule. This Change Request (CR) amends those payment files. This recurring update notification applies to Publication (Pub.) 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, chapter 23, section 30.1.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 6, 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.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Payment files were issued to contractors based upon the CY 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule, published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2020, to be effective for services furnished between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

B. Policy: Section 1848(c)(4) of the Social Security Act authorizes the Secretary to establish ancillary policies necessary to implement relative values for physicians' services.

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		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
12289.1	The CMS shall notify the Medicare contractors via e-mail when the revised payment files are available for their retrieval. Note: These files will be available on or around May 17, 2021. (See attachment for a summary of changes and effective dates.)									
12289.1.1	Medicare contractors shall retrieve the revised payment files and update their systems (manually or via provided files), as identified in this Change Request, from the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System.	X	X	X		X				
12289.2	The contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt via e-mail to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov, stating the name of the file received (e.g., CLAB, Average Sales Price (ASP), etc.), and the entity for which it was received (i.e., include states, carrier numbers,	X	X	X						

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		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	quarter, and if Part A, Part B, or both).									
12289.3	Medicare contractors shall not search their files to retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims. However, contractors shall adjust claims brought to their attention.	X	X	X						
12289.4	The contractors shall, in accordance with Pub 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, chapter 23, section 30.1, give providers a 30-day notice before implementing the changes identified in this Change Request.	X	X	X						
12289.5	The CMS shall notify the Common Working File (CWF) maintainer via e-mail when the MPFSDB files are available for downloading, along with the file names for the files below to facilitate duplicate billing edits: 1) Duplicate Radiology editing; 2) Duplicate Diagnostic editing; 3) Pathology editing, and; 4) Relative Value Units (RVU) and payment indicator files.								CMS	
12289.5.1	The CWF shall compare the existing files to the new files and install any necessary changes.							X		

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility					
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I	
		A	B	H H H			
12289.6	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	X	X	X			

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	article release notifications, or review them in the MLN Connects weekly newsletter.					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: MPFS File:

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY2021.RV3.C00000.V0515

FI Abstract Files:

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY21.ABSTR.V0515.FI

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY21.HHH.V0515.FI

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY21.MAMMO.V0515.FI

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY21.PAYIND.V0515

MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY21.SNF.V0515.FI

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VI. FUNDING

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and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

ATTACHMENTS: 1

Attachment for CR: 12289 Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) – July 2021 Update

Below is a summary of the changes for the July update to the 2021 MPFSDB. Unless otherwise stated, these changes are effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2021.

The following HCPCS codes have changes to the Bilateral Surgery Indicator. These changes are effective for dates of service January 1, 2021 and after.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
69705		Bilat Surg = 0
69706		Bilat Surg = 2

The following new HCPCS codes are effective for dates of service January 1, 2021, and after.

Please see the link below for more information on the new codes:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update>

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
D0606	Procedure Status = N; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
D1701	Procedure Status = I; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
D1702	Procedure Status = I; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
D1703	Procedure Status = I; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
D1704	Procedure Status = I; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
D1705	Procedure Status = I; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
D1706	Procedure Status = I; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
D1707	Procedure Status = I; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

The following new HCPCS codes are effective for dates of service February 9, 2021, and after.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
M0245	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
Q0245	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

The following new HCPCS codes are effective for dates of service February 27, 2021, and after.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
91303	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0031A	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

The following HCPCS codes are deleted from the MPFS effective for dates of service April 17, 2021, and after.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
M0239	Procedure Status = I
Q0239	Procedure Status = I

The following new HCPCS codes are effective for dates of service May 6, 2021, and after.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
M0244	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
M0246	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

The following new code is effective for dates of service July 1, 2021, and after.

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G0327 Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

The MPFSDB file will reflect the addition of new HCPCS codes below effective for dates of service July 1, 2021, and after. The descriptors and more information can be found on the CMS website at the following link:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update>

CODE ACTION

90626 Status indicator = N, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 90627 Status indicator = N, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 90671 Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 90677 Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 90758 Status indicator = N, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 Q5123 Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 A9593 Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 A9594 Status indicator = X, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 J0224 Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 J1951 Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 J7168 Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 J9348 Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
 J9353 Status indicator = E, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

The following CPT category III code has a change to the short descriptor effective July 1, 2021, and after.

CODE ACTION

0493T short descriptor = CNTC NEAR IFR SPECTRSC WOUND

The new CPT codes listed below (0640T-0670T) are effective for dates of service July 1, 2021, and after.

Code	Short Descriptor	MOD	Indicators
0640T	NCNTC NR IFR SPCTRSC WND		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 4, Global = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 09
0641T	NCNTC NR IFR SPCTRSC WND IMG		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 3, Global = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 02
0642T	NCNTC NR IFR SPCTRSC WND I&R		Proc Stat= C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 2, Global days = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 09
0643T	TCAT LVENTR RSTRJ DEV IMPLT		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup

			indicator = 09
0644T	TCAT RMVL/DBLK ICAR MAS PERQ		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0645T	TCAT IMPLTJ C SINS RDCTJ DEV		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0646T	TTVI/RPLCMT W/PRSTC VLV PERQ		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0647T	INSJ GTUBE PERQ MAG GASTRPXY		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0648T	QUAN MR ALYS TISS W/O MRI		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 4, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 3, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 1, Global days = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 09
0648T	QUAN MR ALYS TISS W/O MRI	TC	Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 4, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 3, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 1, Global days = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 01
0648T	QUAN MR ALYS TISS W/O MRI	26	Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 4, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 3, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 1, Global days = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 09
0649T	QUAN MR ALYS TISS W/MRI		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 1, Global days = ZZZ,

			PhysSup indicator = 09
0649T	QUAN MR ALYS TISS W/MRI	TC	Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 1, Global days = ZZZ, PhysSup indicator = 01
0649T	QUAN MR ALYS TISS W/MRI	26	Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 1, Global days = ZZZ, PhysSup indicator = 09
0650T	PRGRMG DEV EVAL SCRMS REMOTE		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 1, Global days = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 09
0650T	PRGRMG DEV EVAL SCRMS REMOTE	TC	Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 1, Global days = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 01
0650T	PRGRMG DEV EVAL SCRMS REMOTE	26	Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 1, Global days = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 09
0651T	MAG CTRLD CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0652T	EGD FLX TRANSNASAL DX BR/WA		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0653T	EGD FLX TRANSNASAL DX BR/WA		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 3, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY,

			Endobase = 0652T, PhysSup indicator = 09
0654T	EGD FLX TRANSNASAL TUBE/CATH		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 3, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, Endobase = 0652T, PhysSup indicator = 09
0655T	TPRNL FOCAL ABLTJ MAL PRST8		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0656T	VRT BDY TETHERING ANT <7 SEG		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 2, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0657T	VRT BDY TETHERING ANT 8+ SEG		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 2, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0658T	ELEC IMPD SPECTRSC 1+SKN LES		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 3, Global days = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 09
0659T	TCAT INTRA-C NFS SUPERSAT 02		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0660T	IMPLT ANT SGM IO NBIO RX SYS		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 1, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0661T	RMVL&RIMPLTJ ANT SGM IMPLT		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 1, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 1, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup

			indicator = 09
0662T	SCALP COOL 1 ST MEAS&CALBRJ		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = XXX, PhysSup indicator = 09
0663T	SCALP COOL PLMT MNTR RMVL		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 0, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 0, Co-Surgeons indicator = 0, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = ZZZ, PhysSup indicator = 09
0664T	DON HYSTERECTOMY OPEN CDVR		Proc Stat = N, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0665T	DON HYSTERECTOMY OPEN LIV		Proc Stat = N, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0666T	DON HYSTERECTOMY LAPS LIV		Proc Stat = N, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0667T	DON HYSTERECTOMY RCP UTER		Proc Stat = N, there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0668T	BKBENCH PREP DON UTER ALGRFT		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 2, Co-Surgeons indicator = 1, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0669T	BKBENCH RCNSTJ DON UTER VEN		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 2, Co-Surgeons indicator = 1, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09
0670T	BKBENCH RCNSTJ DON UTER ARTL		Proc Stat = C, Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery indicator = 0, Assistant at Surgery indicator = 2, Co-Surgeons indicator = 1, Team Surgeons indicator = 0, Professional/Technical Component indicator = 0, Global days = YYY, PhysSup indicator = 09