

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)
Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment
August 26–27, 2013

FINAL Recommendations

AMBULATORY PAYMENT CLASSIFICATION (APC) GROUPS AND STATUS INDICATOR ASSIGNMENTS AND DATA ISSUES

1. The Panel recommends that CMS move HCPCS code C9736, *Laparoscopy, surgical, radiofrequency ablation of uterine fibroid(s), including intraoperative guidance and monitoring, when performed*, from APC 0131, *Level II Laparoscopy*, to APC 0174, *Level IV Laparoscopy*.
2. The Panel recommends that the work of the APC Groups and Status Indicator Assignments Subcommittee continue.
3. The Panel recommends that the work of the Data Subcommittee continue.
4. The Panel recommends that John Marshall, C.R.A., R.C.C, R.T., serve as chair of the Data Subcommittee.

VISITS AND OBSERVATION ISSUES

5. The Panel recommends that CMS postpone moving forward with the calendar year (CY) 2014 proposal to collapse the existing visit evaluation and management Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes into three G codes.
6. The Panel recommends that the work of the Visits and Observation Subcommittee continue.
7. The Panel recommends that Michael Rabovsky, M.D., serve as the acting chair of the Visits and Observation Subcommittee for the August 2013 Panel meeting.

PACKAGING & COMPREHENSIVE APCS ISSUES

8. The Panel recommends that CMS delay implementation of the CY 2014 proposals regarding comprehensive APCs, expanded packaging, visit reconfiguration, and cost-center-based reimbursement changes for computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) until data can be reviewed by the Panel at its spring 2014 meeting regarding interactions between the proposals and their potential cumulative impact.