



Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - July 2019 Update

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 11293 informs providers that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued payment files to the MACs based upon the 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule. CR 11293 amends those payment files, to be effective for services furnished between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019. Be sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

BACKGROUND

Below is a summary of the changes for the July update to the 2019 MPFSDB. Unless otherwise stated, these changes are effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2019.

HCPCS Codes and Actions

CODE	ACTION
27369	Multiple Procedure indicator = 2, Bilateral Surgery = 1, Assistant Surgery = 1
28740	Bilateral Surgery indicator = 1

Revised MP RVU and HCPCS

The malpractice relative value unit (MP RVU) has been revised for numerous HCPCS codes. These MP RVU changes have minimal impact on payment. The complete list of the revised MP

RVUs is a part of the CR, which is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4292CP.pdf>.

J and Q Code Changes

The MPFSDB file will reflect the changes below effective for dates of service July 1, 2019, and after. Other instructions convey the implementation of these “J” and “Q” code changes are being communicated via other instructions. The descriptors and more information are available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPSCReleaseCodeSets/HCPSC-Quarterly-Update.html>.

CODE	ACTION
J9031	Procedure Status = I
J9355	Short Descriptor = Inj trastuzumab excl biosimi
J1444	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
J7208	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
J7677	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
J9030	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
J9036	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
J9356	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
Q5112	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
Q5113	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
Q5114	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
Q5115	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

New CPT Codes

The new CPT codes listed below (0543T through 0562T, and 90619) are effective for dates of service July 1, 2019, and after. On the MPFSDB file, codes 0543T through 0562T are all Procedure Status C and have no RVUs. The Global Days are YYY for 0543T through 0546T and 0548T through 0553T; XXX for 0547T, 0554T through 0559T, and 0561T; and ZZZ for 0560T and 0562T. Code 90619 is Procedure Status N; there are no RVUs and payment policy indicators do not apply.

Table: CPT Codes Effective for dates of service July 1, 2019, and After

Code	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor
0543T	TA MV RPR W/ARTIF CHORD TEND	Transapical mitral valve repair, including transthoracic echocardiography, when performed, with placement of artificial chordae tendineae
0544T	TCAT MV ANNULUS RCNSTJ	Transcatheter mitral valve annulus reconstruction, with implantation of adjustable annulus reconstruction device, percutaneous approach including transseptal puncture
0545T	TCAT TV ANNULUS RCNSTJ	Transcatheter tricuspid valve annulus reconstruction with implantation of adjustable annulus reconstruction device, percutaneous approach
0546T	RF SPECTRSC NTRAOP MRGN ASMT	Radiofrequency spectroscopy, real time, intraoperative margin assessment, at the time of partial mastectomy, with report
0547T	B1 MATRL QUAL TST MCRIND TIB	Bone-material quality testing by microindentation(s) of the tibia(s), with results reported as a score
0548T	TPRNL BALO CNTNC DEV BI	Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; bilateral placement, including cystoscopy and fluoroscopy
0549T	TPRNL BALO CNTNC DEV UNI	Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; unilateral placement, including cystoscopy and fluoroscopy
0550T	TPRNL BALO CNTNC DEV RMVL EA	Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; removal, each balloon
0551T	TPRNL BALO CNTNC DEV ADJMT	Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; adjustment of balloon(s) fluid volume
0552T	LOW-LEVEL LASER THERAPY	Low-level laser therapy, dynamic photonic and dynamic thermokinetic energies, provided by a physician or other qualified health care professional
0553T	PERQ TCAT ILIAC ANAST IMPLT	Percutaneous transcatheter placement of iliac arteriovenous anastomosis implant, inclusive of all radiological supervision and interpretation, intraprocedural roadmapping, and imaging guidance necessary to complete the intervention
0554T	B1 STR & FX RSK ANALYSIS	Bone strength and fracture risk using finite element analysis of functional data, and bone-mineral density, utilizing data from a computed tomography scan; retrieval and transmission of the scan data, assessment of bone strength and fracture risk and bone mineral density, interpretation and report
0555T	B1 STR&FX RSK TRANSMIS DATA	Bone strength and fracture risk using finite element analysis of functional data, and bone-mineral density, utilizing data from a computed tomography scan; retrieval and transmission of the scan data

Code	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor
0556T	B1 STR & FX RSK ASSESSMENT	Bone strength and fracture risk using finite element analysis of functional data, and bone-mineral density, utilizing data from a computed tomography scan; assessment of bone strength and fracture risk and bone mineral density
0557T	B1 STR & FX RSK I&R	Bone strength and fracture risk using finite element analysis of functional data, and bone-mineral density, utilizing data from a computed tomography scan; interpretation and report
0558T	CT SCAN F/BIOMCHN CT ALYS	Computed tomography scan taken for the purpose of biomechanical computed tomography analysis
0559T	ANTMC MDL 3D PRINT 1ST CMPNT	Anatomic model 3D-printed from image data set(s); first individually prepared and processed component of an anatomic structure
0560T	ANTMC MDL 3D PRINT EA ADDL	Anatomic model 3D-printed from image data set(s); each additional individually prepared and processed component of an anatomic structure (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
0561T	ANTMC GUIDE 3D PRINT 1ST GD	Anatomic guide 3D-printed and designed from image data set(s); first anatomic guide
0562T	ANTMC GUIDE 3D PRINT EA ADDL	Anatomic guide 3D-printed and designed from image data set(s); each additional anatomic guide (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
90619	MENACWY-TT VACCINE IM	Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, serogroups A, C, W, Y, quadrivalent, tetanus toxoid carrier (MenACWY-TT), for intramuscular use

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11293, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4292CP.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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May 3, 2019	Initial article released.

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