



Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database

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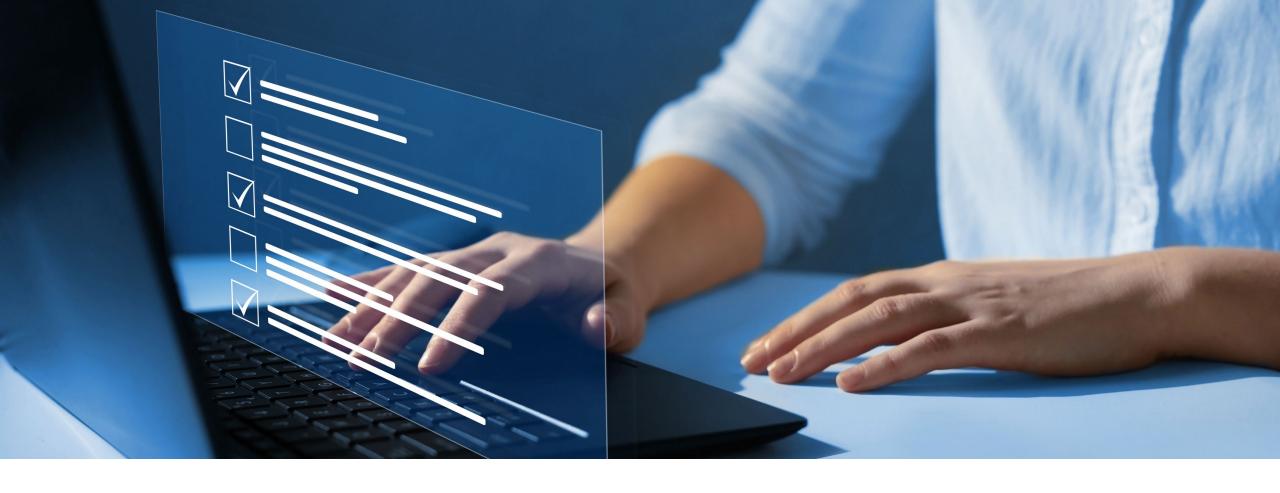
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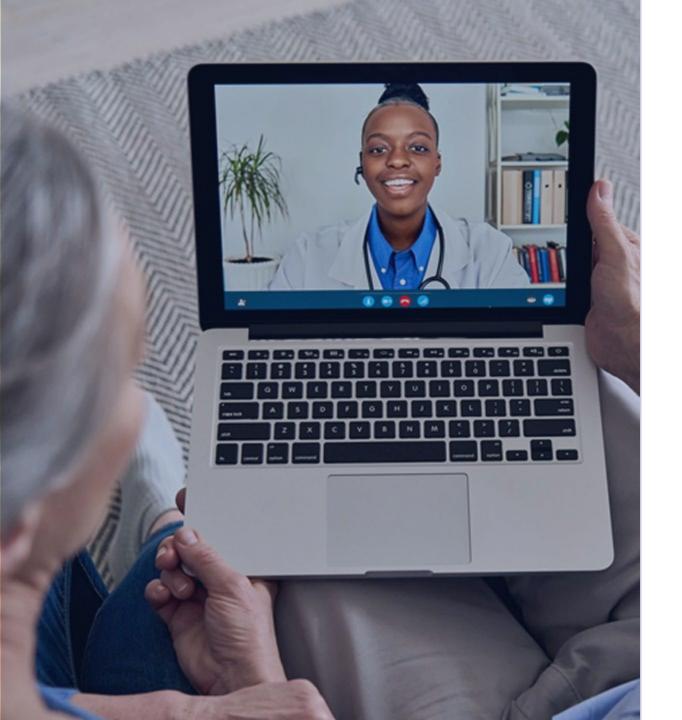


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Objective

Assist providers in understanding the MPFSDB, how to access the database files and use the information found in the searchable database **prior to** submitting Medicare Part B claims.







Agenda

- NGS Physician Fee Schedule
 Tool
- <u>Database Policy Indicators</u>
- NGS Lookup Tool Examples
- CMS MPFSDB
- CMS Lookup Tool Examples
- Resources and References
- Questions

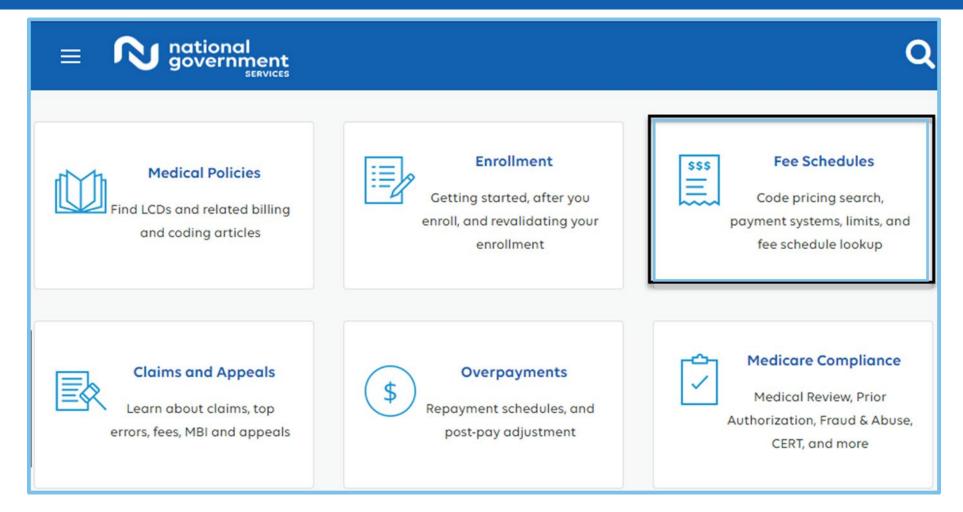






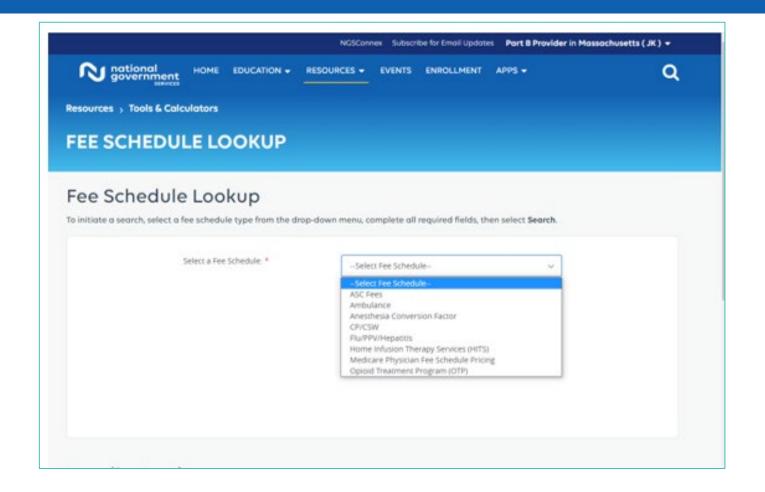
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Medicare Physician Fee Schedule





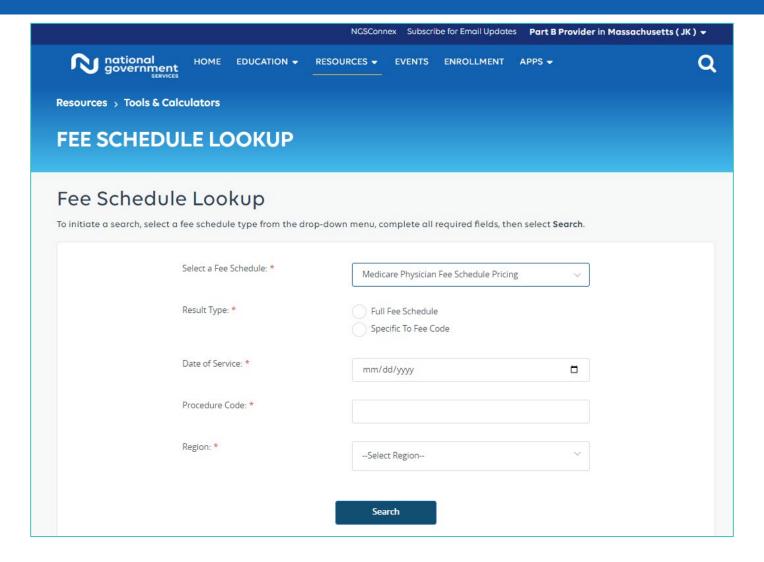
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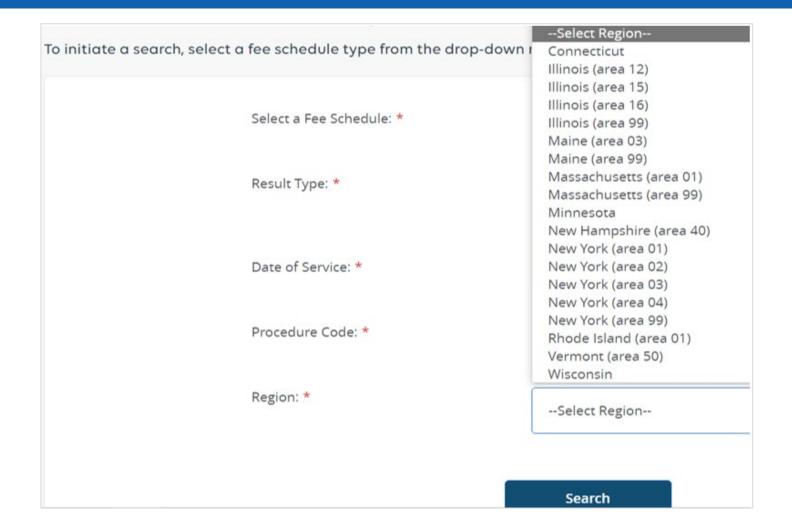
Fee Schedule Lookup







Fee Schedule Lookup – Regions







IL and NY Locality/County Information

Illinois Locality	Counties
12	Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington
15	DuPage, Kane, Lake, Will
16	Cook
99	All Other Counties

New York Locality	Counties
01	Manhattan
02	Bronx, Brooklyn, Nassau, Rockland, Staten Island, Suffolk, Westchester
03	Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster
04	Queens
99	All Other Counties





MA and ME Locality/County Information

MA Localities	State	Counties
01	MA	Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk
99	MA	All Other Counties

ME Localities	State	Counties
03	ME	York and Cumberland
99	ME	All Other Counties



Fee Schedule

NON FAC PAR

936.43

NON FAC NON PAR

4689.61

NON FAC LC

5393.05

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Modifier

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MPFSDB Policy Indicators

Payment Calculations

Policy Indicators

		Modi	fier Selected: (blank)		
Status	Conversion Factor	Update Factor	Work RVU	FAC PE RVU	NON FAC PE RVU
R	32.3465	1.0000	91.78	31.93	31.93
Malpractice RVU	Work GPCI	Practice GPCI	Malpractice GPCI	Reduced Therapy Amt	Endoscopic Base
20.98	1.042	1.197	0.894	0.00	
Global Surgery	Facility Pricing	PC/TC	Preoperative Percentag	e Interoperative Percentag	ge Postoperative Percentage
090	1	0	09.00%	84.00%	07.00%
Multiple Surgery	Bilateral Surgery	Assistant	At Surgery Two	Surgeons	Team Surgery
2	0	2	1		2





Database Policy Indicators



Policy Indicators

- Procedure status indicators
- Global surgery
- Facility pricing
- Preoperative
- Interoperative
- Postoperative
- Multiple surgery
- Bilateral surgery
- Assistant at surgery
- Two surgeons
- Team surgery
- Use References: <u>Fee Schedule Lookup Details</u>







Procedure Status Indicators

- Field indicates whether the code is in the fee schedule and whether it is separately payable if the service is covered
- Presence of an active (or valid) status code does not mean the service is covered by Medicare
- Service may be valid according to the list but may not be considered covered due to other criteria such as medical necessity or global surgery rules





Procedure Status Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
А	Active code
В	Bundled code
С	Carriers price the code
Е	Excluded from Physician Fee Schedule by regulation
1	Not valid for Medicare purposes
Ν	Noncovered Services: These services are not covered by Medicare
R	Restricted Coverage: Special coverage instructions apply





PC/TC Indicator

- Indicator describes physician services that have global concept, professional or technical components
- These include diagnostic and therapeutic radiology services, certain diagnostic tests that involve a physician's interpretation and physician pathology services
- Indicators identify TC for technical component and 26 professional component (PC)







PC/TC Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
O	The concept of PC/TC does not apply since physician services cannot be split into professional and technical components
1	These codes have both a professional and technical component. Modifiers 26 and TC can be used with these codes
2	Professional Component Only Codes
3	Technical Component Only Codes
4	Global Test Only Codes





Global Surgery

- Indicator provides the postoperative time frames that apply to payment for each surgical procedure or another indicator that describes the applicability of the global concept to the service
- Global surgery, includes all the necessary services normally furnished by a surgeon before, during and after a procedure
- Medicare payment for surgical procedure includes the preoperative, intra-operative, and postoperative services routinely performed by the surgeon or by members of the same group with the same specialty
- Physicians in same group practice who are in the same specialty must bill and be paid as though they were a single physician





Global Surgery Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
000	Endoscopic or minor procedure with related preoperative and postoperative relative values on the day of the procedure only included in the fee schedule payment amount; evaluation and management services on the day of the procedure generally not payable
010	Minor procedure with preoperative relative values on the day of the procedure and postoperative relative values during a ten-day postoperative period included in the fee schedule amount; evaluation and management services on the day of the procedure and during the 10-day postoperative period generally not payable
090	Major surgery with a one-day preoperative period and 90-day postoperative period included in the fee schedule payment amount





Multiple Procedure (Modifier 51)

- Indicator for which payment adjustment rule for multiple surgical procedures applies
- Multiple surgeries are separate procedures performed by single physician or physicians in same group practice on same patient at same operative session or on same day for which separate payment may be allowed and reduced
- Providers do not use modifier 51







Multiple Procedure Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	No payment adjustment rules for multiple procedures apply
1	Standard payment adjustment rules in effect before 1/1/1996, for multiple procedures apply. 100 percent, 50 percent, 25 percent, 25 percent
2	Standard payment adjustment rules for multiple procedures apply. 100 percent, 50 percent, 50 percent, 50 percent
3	Special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (that is, another endoscopy that has the same base procedure)





Bilateral Surgery (Modifier 50)

- Indicates services subject to a payment adjustment
- Bilateral services are procedures that can be performed on both sides of the body during same session or on same day by same physician or other qualified health care professional







Bilateral Surgery Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	150 percent payment adjustment for bilateral procedures does not apply
1	150 percent payment adjustment for bilateral procedure applies
2	150 percent payment adjustment for bilateral does not apply
3	The usual payment adjustment for bilateral procedures does not apply





Assistant At Surgery (Modifiers 80/AS)

- Indicates services where assistant at surgery may be paid
- An assistant surgeon is defined as a physician who actively assists the operating surgeon
 - Assistant may be necessary because of the complex nature of procedure(s) or the patient's condition
 - Assistant is usually trained in same specialty
 - Assistant at surgery may be physician assistant, nurse practitioner or nurse midwife acting under the direct supervision of a physician, where physician acts as surgeon and the assistant at surgery as an assistant
- Assistant at surgery modifiers include
 - 80 if the services are by a MD or DO
 - AS if by an NP, PA or CNS





Assistant at Surgery Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
Ο	Payment restriction for assistants at surgery applies to this procedure unless supporting documentation is submitted to establish medical necessity
1	Statutory payment restriction for assistants at surgery applies to this procedure. Assistant at surgery may not be paid
2	Payment restriction for assistants at surgery does not apply to this procedure. Assistant at surgery may be paid
9	Concept does not apply





Co-surgeons (Modifier 62)

- Indicator for services that two surgeons, each in different specialty
- Co-surgeons are defined as two or more surgeons, where the skills of both surgeons are necessary to perform distinct parts of a specific operative procedure
- Co-surgery is always performed during the same operative session







Co-surgeon Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	Co-surgeons not permitted for this procedure
1	Co-surgeons could be paid, though supporting documentation is required to establish the medical necessity of two surgeons for the procedure
2	Co-surgeons permitted and no documentation required if the two-specialty requirement is met
9	Concept does not apply





Team Surgery (Modifier 66)

- Indicator for services for which team surgeons may be paid
- Under some circumstances, highly complex procedures may require the services of a surgical team, consisting of several physicians, often of different specialties, plus other highly skilled, specially trained personnel and complex equipment
- Benefits are allowed for medically necessary procedures and allowance(s) will be determined on an individual consideration basis







Team Surgery Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	Team surgeons not permitted for this procedure
1	Team surgeons could be paid, though supporting documentation required to establish medical necessity of a team; pay by report
2	Team surgeons permitted; pay by report
9	Concept does not apply





Fee Schedule Assistance

- The fee schedule assistance page provides access to information about fee schedule definitions
- Indicators tell whether code(s) falls in fee schedule and identify if modifier(s) is required
- Use this site as your reference <u>Fee</u> schedule assistance







NGS Look-up Tool Examples

NGS MPFS

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Pricing Fee Schedule

Procedure Code
Effective Date
State/Territory
Locality
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Short Description
Us abdl aorta screen aaa

Non-OPPS Capped Payment Rates (NON-OPPS)

١,	Modifier	NON FAC PAR	NON FAC NON PAR	NON FAC LC	FAC PAR	FAC NON PAR	FAC LC
	(Details)	120.75	114.71	131.92	120.75	114.71	131.92
	26 (Details)	26.76	25.42	29.23	26.76	25.42	29.23
	TC (Details)	93.99	89.29	102.68	93.99	89.29	102.68





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Status	Conversion Factor	Update Factor	Work RVU		FAC PE RVU	NON FAC PE RVU
A	32.3465	1.0000	0.55		2.61	2.61
Malpractice RVU	Work GPCI	Practice GPCI	Malpractice GPCI		Reduced Therapy Amt	Endoscopic Base
0.04	1.042	1.197	0.894		0.00	
Global Surgery	Facility Pricing	PC/TC	Preoperative Perce	entage	Interoperative Percenta	ge Postoperative Percentage
xxx	1	1	00.00%		00.00%	00.00%
Multiple Surgery	Bilateral Surgery	Assistant At Surg	ery	Two Surge	ons	Team Surgery
0	0	0		0		0



Fee Schedule 47480

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Pricing Fee Schedule										
Procedure Code	Effective Date		tate/Territory	Locality		Short Description				
47480	01/01/202	5 1	4212	01		Incision of gallbladder				
Non-OPPS Capped Payment Rates (NON-OPPS)										
Modifier	NON FAC PAR NON FAC NON PAI		NON FAC LC	FAC PAR	FAC NON PAR					
(Details) 932.41		885.79	885.79 1018.66		885.79	1018.66				



MPFSDB 47480

Status	Conversion Factor	Update Factor	Work RVU	FAC PE RVU	NON FAC PE RVU	
A	32.3465	1.0000	13.25	10.15	10.15	
Malpractice RVU	Work GPCI	Practice GPCI	Malpractice GPCI Reduced Therapy Amt		Endoscopic Base	
3.21	1.042	1.197	0.894	0.00		
Global Surgery	Facility Pricing	PC/TC	Preoperative Percentag	ge Interoperative Percentage	Postoperative Percentage	
090	1	0	09.00%	81.00%	10.00%	
Multiple Surgery	Bilateral Surgery Assistant A		gery Two	Surgeons Te	eam Surgery	
2	0	2	1	0		



MPFS 33935

rocedure Code	Effective	o Dato	State/Territory	Locality	Short Description		
rocedure code	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••		state/ leffitory	Locality	Short Description		
3935			4212 01		Transplantation heart/lur		
		Non-OPPS	Capped Payment R	ates (NON-OPPS)			
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20.98	1.042	1.197 0.894		0.00		
Global Surgery	Facility Pricing	PC/TC	Preoperative Percentage	Interoperative Percentage	Postoperative Percentage	
090	1	0	09.00%	84.00%	07.00%	
Multiple Surgery	Bilateral Surgery	Assistant At S	urgery Two Sur	rgeons Tea	m Surgery	
2	0	2	1	2		



MPFSDB 99397

Fees	Modifier	NON FAC PAR	NON FAC NON PAR	NON FAC LC	FAC PAR	FAC NON I		
	(Details)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Status	Conversion Factor	Update Factor	Work RVU	!	FAC PE RVU	NON FAC PE RVU	
Payment	N	0.0000	0.0000	0.000 0.00		0.00	0.00	
Calculation	Malpractice RVU Work GPCI		Practice GPCI Mal		Malpractice GPCI Reduced 1		Endoscopic Base	
	0.00	1.000	1.005	0.654		0.00		
	Global Surgery	Facility Pricing	PC/TC	Preoperativ	e Percentage	Interoperative Percentage	Postoperative Percent	
Policy	xxx	9	9	00.00%		00.00%	00.00%	
Indicators	Multiple Surgery	Bilateral Surgery	Assista	nt At Surgery	Two Surge	ons <u>Tea</u>	m Surgery	
	9	9	9		9	9		





CMS MPFSDB

MPFSDB

- How to Locate the Searchable Database
 - Located on <u>CMS.gov</u> official website
 - Overview of the Physician Fee Schedule Search
- Why Use the Searchable Database?
 - Find Medicare payment amounts
 - Learn if codes to be billed are affected by payment policies

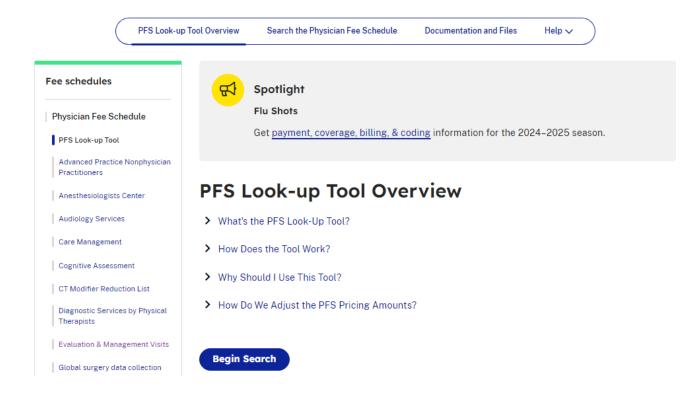






Searching the Database

- PFS Look-Up Tool Overview
- Pricing amounts
- Payment policy indicators
- RVUs
- GPCIs





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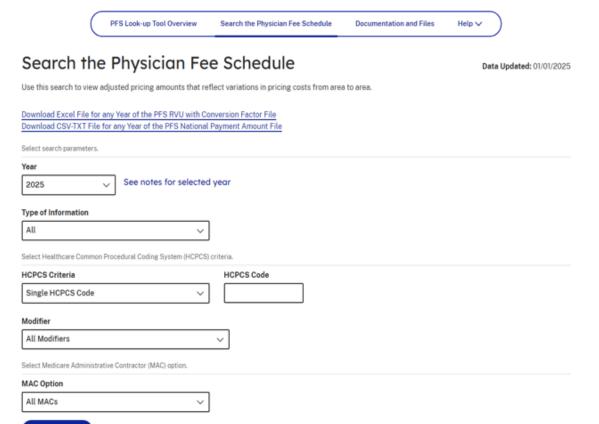
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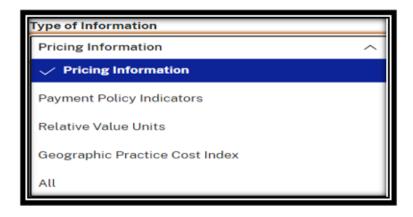


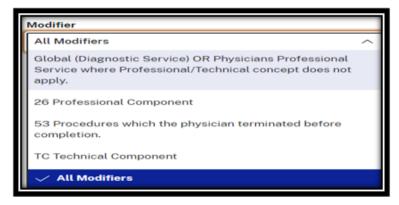


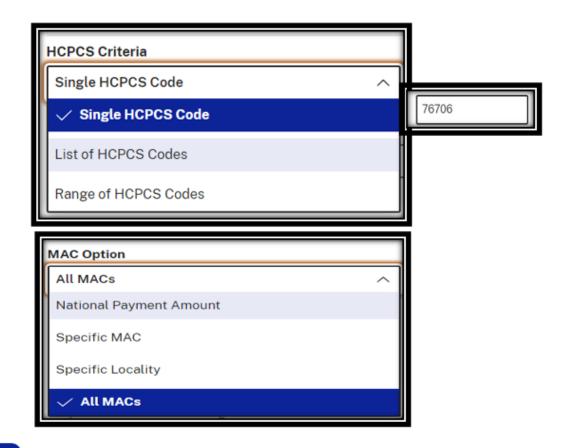


CMS Lookup Tool Examples

Search the Physician Fee Schedule







Search fees



Search Results





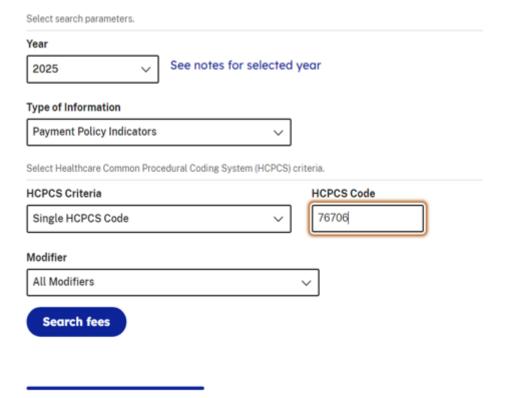


Searching Payment Policy Indicators

- Professional/technical modifiers
- Postoperative days
- If a code is payable by Medicare
- Level of physician supervision required
- If a service can be billed bilaterally



Payment Policy Indicators



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76706		Us abdl aorta screen aaa	А	1	XXX	0	0	0	0	0	09	99
76706	TC	Us abdl aorta screen aaa	А	1	XXX	0	0	0	0	0	09	99
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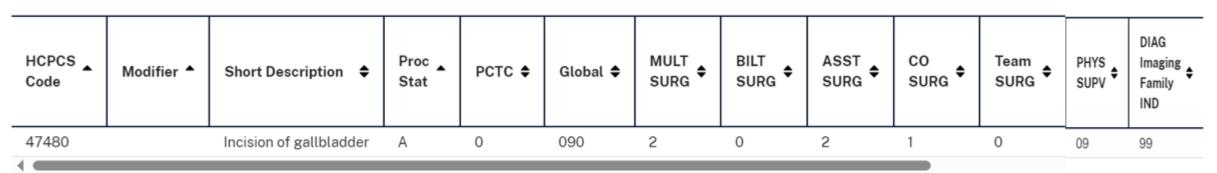






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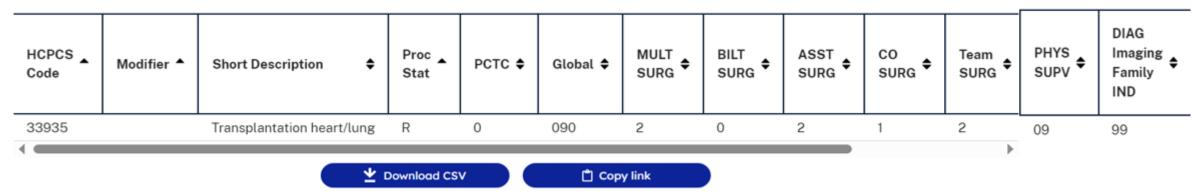




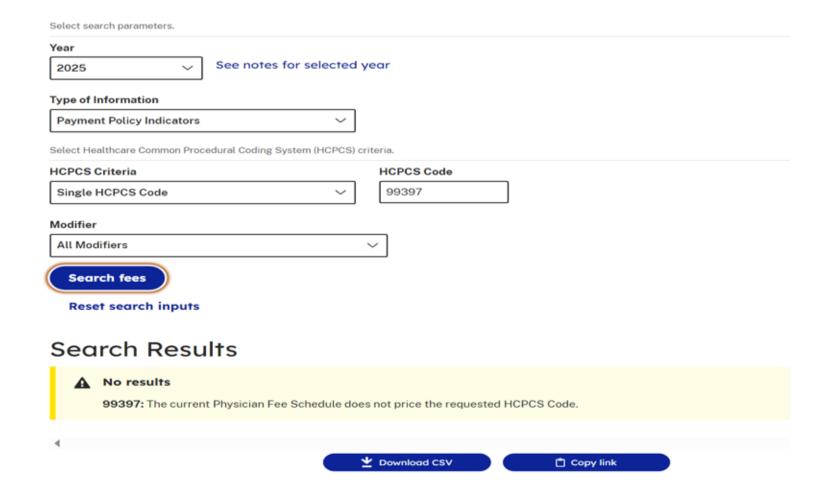


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Resources and References

CMS and NGS Resources and References

- CMS References
 - CMS website
 - Physician Fee Schedule Look-Up
- NGS References
 - Fee Schedule Assistance
 - Locality and County Information for IL-ME-MA-NY
 - Description of Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database Policy Indicators



Questions?

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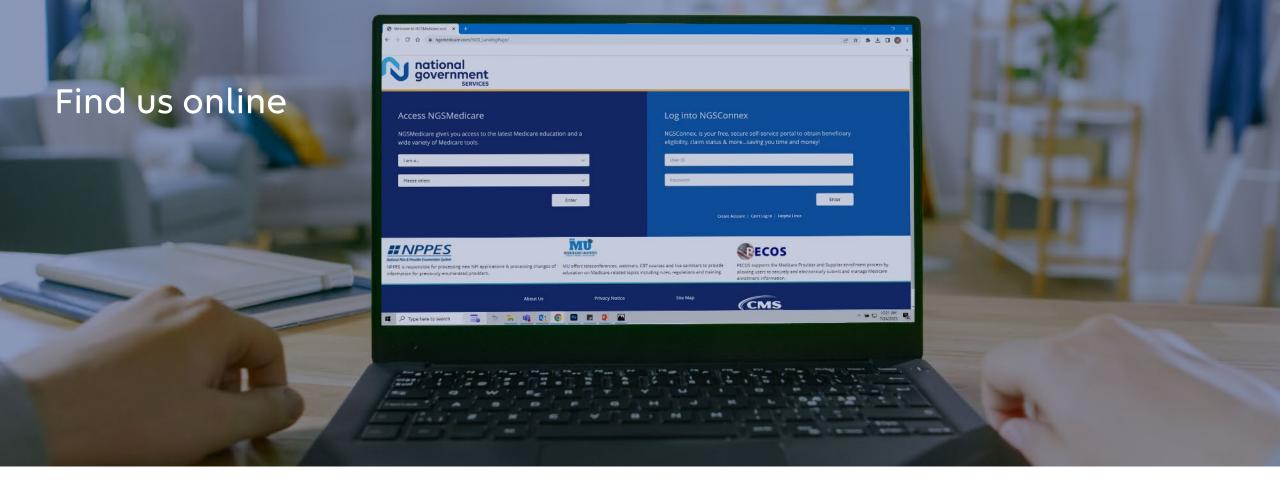














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