



Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - October 2021 Update

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, hospitals, and other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients that Medicare pays using the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

Provider Action Needed

This Article informs you of the October 2021 updates to the MPFS. Make sure your billing staff knows these updates.

Background

Following is a summary of the changes for the October update to the 2021 MPFSDB:

- For HCPCS code 31591, the Bilateral Surgery Indicator will be 1, effective for dates of service January 1, 2021, and after.
- For HCPCS codes 0648T, including those with Modifiers TC and 26, the Diagnostic Imaging Family Indicator is 88, effective for dates of service July 1, 2021, and after.
- The short descriptors are changing for the following HCPCS codes, effective January 1, 2021:
 - M0243 - Casirivi and imdevi inj
 - M0244 - Casirivi and imdevi inj hm
- HCPCS codes M0201, M0247, M0248, and Q0247 are from the [July 2021 HCPCS file update](#). This link gives you more information on these codes. The procedure status for

these 4 codes is X. Payment policy indicators don't apply to these codes. M0201 has an effective date of June 8, 2021. The effective date for the other 3 codes is May 26, 2021.

- The new HCPCS code, Q0244, is from the October 2021 HCPCS file update. It is effective for dates of service June 3, 2021, and after. The procedure status is X and payment policy indicators don't apply.
- The following new HCPCS codes (M0249, M0250, and Q0249) are from the October 2021 HCPCS file update. They are effective for dates of service June 24, 2021, and after. The procedure status for all 3 codes is X and payment policy indicators don't apply.
- The following new HCPCS codes are from the October 2021 HCPCS file update. They are effective for dates of service October 1, 2021, and after.

Code	Action
A4453	Procedure Status = X, payment policy indicators don't apply.
J0699	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
J0741	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
J1305	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
J1426	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
J1445	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
J1448	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
J2406	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply.
J7294	Procedure Status = N, payment policy indicators don't apply
J7295	Procedure Status = N, payment policy indicators don't apply
J9247	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
J9318	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
J9319	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
P9025	Procedure Status = X, payment policy indicators don't apply
P9026	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
Q2054	Procedure Status = X, payment policy indicators don't apply
Q4251	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
Q4252	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
Q4253	Procedure Status = E, payment policy indicators don't apply
Q9004	Procedure Status = I, payment policy indicators don't apply
S9432	Procedure Status = I, payment policy indicators don't apply

- CMS is deleting HCPCS codes J0693, J7303, J9315, Q4228, and Q4236, from the MPFS effective for dates of service October 1, 2021, and after.

MACs won't search their files to retract payment for claims they already paid or to retroactively pay claims impacted by these changes. However, they will adjust claims you bring to their attention.

More Information

We issued [CR 12422](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

Document History

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August 9, 2021	Initial article released.

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