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# CMS Manual System

## Pub. 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing

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CHANGE REQUEST 3286

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database.

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2004**

**\*IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 6, 2004**

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to the red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will only receive the new/revised information, and not the entire table of contents.*

### II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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

### \*III. FUNDING:

These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.

### IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
X	Recurring Update Notification

\*Medicare contractors only

## Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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**SUBJECT: 2<sup>nd</sup> Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database**

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** Payment files were issued to carriers based upon the November 7, 2003 and January 7, 2004 Final Rules. This change request (CR) corrects mistakes that were in those payment files.

**B. Policy: Section 1848(c)(4) of the Social Security Act**

**C. Provider Education:** A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at [www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters) shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article must be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin.

### II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*

*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
3286.1	Contractors shall, in accordance with Pub 100-4, chapter 23, section 30.1, give providers 30 days notice before implementing the revised payment amounts identified in Attachment 1. Unless otherwise stated in this transmittal, changes will be retroactive to January 1, 2004.	Carriers
3286.2	Contractors need not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims. However, carriers shall adjust claims brought to their attention.	Carriers and FIs
3286.3	Contractors shall retrieve the revised payment files, as identified in Attachment 2, from the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System on May 7, 2004.	Carriers and FIs
3286.4	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at	Carriers and FIs

	<p><a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters">www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article must be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin.</p>	
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### III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

#### A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

#### B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

#### C. Interfaces: N/A

#### D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

#### E. Dependencies: N/A

#### F. Testing Considerations: N/A

### IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p><b>Effective Date:</b> January 1, 2004</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> July 6, 2004</p> <p><b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Gaysha Brooks, (410) 786-9649</p> <p><b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Gaysha Brooks, (410) 786-9649</p>	<p><b>These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.</b></p>
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Attachments

## Attachment 1

Changes included in this 2<sup>nd</sup> Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database are as follows:

<u>CPT/HCPCS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
A9603	Procedure Status = F

Note: Effective for services performed on or after January 1, 2004. Currently A9603 is not on the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database.

G0295	Description Change: Electromagnetic therapy, to one or more areas, for wound care other than described in G0329 or for other uses
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Note: Description change effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2004.

G0321	Short Descriptor Change: ESRDrelatedsvs home mo 2-11y WRVU = 8.11 Non-Facility PE RVU = 3.92 Facility PE RVU = 3.92 Malpractice RVU = 0.29
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G0322	WRVU = 6.90 Non-Facility PE RVU = 3.67 Facility PE RVU = 3.67 Malpractice RVU = 0.23
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G0329	Description: Electromagnetic therapy, to one or more areas for chronic stage III and stage IV pressure ulcers, arterial ulcers, diabetic ulcers and venous stasis ulcers not demonstrating measurable signs of healing after 30 days of conventional care as part of a therapy plan of care. Short Descriptor: Electromagntic tx for ulcers Procedure Status = A WRVU = 0.06 Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.17 Facility PE RVU = 0.17 Malpractice RVU = 0.01 PC/TC = 7 Site of Service = 1 Global = XXX Multiple Procedure Indicator = 0 Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0 Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 0 Co-Surgery Indicator = 0 Team Surgery Indicator = 0 Type of Service = 1, U, W
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Note: Effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2004.

28304	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
28305	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
28306	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
28307	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
28308	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
31629	WRVU = 4.09 Non-Facility PE RVU = 12.79 Facility PE RVU = 1.45
36416	Procedure Status = B
61863	Non-Facility PE RVU = 11.80 Facility PE RVU = 11.80
61867	Non-Facility PE RVU = 18.08 Facility PE RVU = 18.08
63048	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 0
73218	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73218 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73218 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73219	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73219 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73219 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73222	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73222 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73222 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73223	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73223 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73223 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73718	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73718 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73718 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3

73719	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73719 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73719 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73720	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73720 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73720 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73722	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73722 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73722 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73723	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73723 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73723 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73725	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73725 - TC	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
73725 - 26	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 3
78804	Non-Facility PE RVU = 11.47 Facility PE RVU = 11.47 Multiple Surgery Indicator = 9
78804 – TC	Non-Facility PE RVU = 11.10 Facility PE RVU = 11.10 Multiple Surgery Indicator = 9
78804 – 26	Multiple Surgery Indicator = 9
88358	Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.56 Facility PE RVU = 0.56
88358 – 26	Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.42 Facility PE RVU = 0.42
88358 – TC	Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.14 Facility PE RVU = 0.14
95144	Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.19

**Attachment 2**  
Filenames For Revised Payment Files

The filename for this 2<sup>nd</sup> Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database for carriers is:

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY04.UP2.C00000.V0507](#)

The file names for this 2<sup>nd</sup> Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database for intermediaries are:

SNF Abstract File

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY04.UP2.SNF.V0507.FI](#)

Railroad Board File

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY04.UP2.V0507.RRB](#)

Therapy/CORF Abstract File

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY04.UP2.ABSTR.V0507.FI](#)

Therapy/CORF Supplemental File:

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY04.UP2.SUPL.V0507.FI](#)

Mammography Abstract File

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY04.UP2.MAMMO.V0507.FI](#)

Hospice File

[MU00.@BF12390.MPFS.CY04.UP2.ALL.V0507.RHHI](#)