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## *MMA - 2<sup>nd</sup> Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database*

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers

### Provider Action Needed

Physicians, suppliers, and providers should note the changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database, and identify those changes that impact their practice.

### Background

This instruction corrects errors in payment files issued to carriers based upon the November 7, 2003 and January 7, 2004 Final Rules for the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database. Details of the changes in this second update of the year may be found in the *Additional Information* section below.

Also, unless otherwise stated, these changes are retroactive to January 1, 2004. However, carriers and fiscal intermediaries will not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims based on the corrected rates. Carriers will adjust claims brought to their attention by the provider.

### Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is July 6, 2004.

### Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your carrier regarding this change may be found at:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm\\_trans/R173CP.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R173CP.pdf)

Changes included in this instruction to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database are shown in the following table.

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Changes to 2<sup>nd</sup> Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database

CPT/HCPCS	ACTION
A9603	<p>Procedure Status = F</p> <p>Note: Effective for services performed on or after January 1, 2004. Currently, A9603 is not on the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database.</p>
G0295	<p>Description change: Electromagnetic therapy, to one or more areas, for wound care other than described in G0329, or for other uses</p> <p>Note: Description change effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2004.</p>
G0321	<p>Short Descriptor: ESRDrelatedsvs home mo 2-11y</p> <p>WRVU = 8.11</p> <p>Non-Facility PE RVU = 3.92</p> <p>Facility PE RVU = 3.92</p> <p>Malpractice RVU = 0.29</p>
G0322	<p>WRVU = 6.90</p> <p>Non-Facility PE RVU = 3.67</p> <p>Facility PE RVU = 3.67</p> <p>Malpractice RVU = 0.23</p>
G0329	<p>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.</p> <p>Short Descriptor: Electromagnetic tx for ulcers</p> <p>Procedure Status = A</p> <p>WRVU = 0.06</p> <p>Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.17</p> <p>Facility PE RVU = 0.17</p> <p>Malpractice RVU = 0.01</p> <p>PC/TC = 7</p> <p>Site of Service = 1</p> <p>Global = XXX</p> <p>Multiple Procedure Indicator = 0</p> <p>Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0</p> <p>Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 0</p> <p>Co-Surgery Indicator = 0</p> <p>Team Surgery Indicator = 0</p> <p>Type of Service = 1, U, W</p> <p>Note: Effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2004.</p>
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	<p>WRVU = 4.09</p> <p>Non-Facility PE RVU = 12.79</p> <p>Facility PE RVU = 1.45</p>
36416	Procedure Status = B

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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

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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

Should you have any questions regarding these changes, contact your carrier/intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at:

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