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# Program Memorandum

## Intermediaries

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CHANGE REQUEST 1114

**SUBJECT: Hospital Outpatient Radiology Services**

The Radiology fee schedule for calendar year (CY) 2000, which provides an annual update of new HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and their corresponding blended payment rates, will not be released this year. Based on the planned implementation date of July 1, 2000 for the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (PPS), payment for radiology services assigned a new HCPCS code for CY 2000 will be reimbursed on a reasonable cost basis. **Note: Codes 93727 and 93741-44 should be reported under revenue center 921 with the current range of related codes. Do not reopen processed claims except upon request.** Those codes currently subject to the blended payment will continue to be paid at the blended payment amount. For all radiology services performed on or after July 1, 2000, payment will be made based on the appropriate ambulatory payment group assigned under the PPS.

We apologize for any misunderstanding this decision may have caused in determining claims reimbursement.

**These instructions should be applied to all relevant claims with service dates on or after January 1, 2000.**

**The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2000.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is July 1, 2000.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after July 1, 2001.**

**If you have any questions, contact your regional office.**