

Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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SUBJECT: The Report of Benefit Savings (RBS)

This Program Memorandum (PM) advises you of the change in conversion factors for FY 2003. Intermediaries utilize conversion factors to determine Medicare Part A workload savings in order to accommodate changes in home health and skilled nursing facility rates. Chapter 7, section 8, of the Program Integrity Manual will be updated to contain the FY 2003 conversion factors, medical review codes and categories. **You must enter data for FY 2003 by selecting year 1991 in the RBS system. Data may already exist in the RBS system for 1991, so you will have to delete or update the existing record in order to enter the new data for FY 2003. No changes to standard systems are required.**

Conversion Factors for FY 2003

<u>Code</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>
1	Hospital PPS	100%
2	Hospital Non-PPS	78.63%
3	Hospital Outpatient	78.72%
4	Hospital Ancillary Charge	62.91%
5	SNF Days Non-PPS	\$265.36
6	SNF Outpatient Charges	72%
7	SNF Ancillary Charges	80%
8	ESRD	80%
9	Outpatient PT/Rehab	80%
10	CORF	80%
11	Rural Health Center	80%
12	Other Part B	80%
13	Program Integrity Savings	100%
14	Open Biopsy	\$3,000 per review
15	All Audits	100%
16	SNF PPS & SNF PPS Demand Days	\$265.36
17	SNF Non-PPS Demand Days	\$265.36
18	HHA Skilled Nursing Visit	\$103.70
19	HHA Speech Therapy Visit	\$123.20
20	HHA Physical Therapy Visit	\$113.38
21	HHA Aide Visit	\$46.95
22	HHA Occupational Therapy	\$114.15
23	HHA Medical Social Services Visit	\$166.22
24	HHA DME/Supplies	80%
25	Outpatient HHA (Part B)	80%
26	Hospice	80%
27	CCR Skilled Nursing Visit	\$103.70
28	CCR Speech Therapy Visit	\$123.20
29	CCR Physical Therapy Visit	\$113.38
30	CCR Aide Visit	\$46.95
31	CCR Occupational Therapy Visit	\$114.15
32	CCR Medical Social Services Visit	\$166.22

Use conversion factors to convert charges to costs.

The *effective* date for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 1, 2002.

The *implementation* date for this PM is March 31, 2003.

Although the effective date and the implementation date are different, this PM still applies to all of the FY 2003 quarterly data in the RBS system.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM should be discarded September 30, 2003.

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