

Gastroenterology average reimbursement for selected codes, 2003 vs. 2004

This table reflects the new reimbursement rates (using the new Medicare Relative Value Units and the new Conversion Factor of \$37.34) to the top 39 CPT codes historically billed by gastroenterologists to Medicare. The rates do not reflect geographical differences but serve as a guide to physicians. These changes will affect individual practices differently, depending on the mix of services provided. These CPT codes do not represent all procedure codes billed by an individual gastroenterologist or GI practice. These reimbursement rates go into effect January 1, 2004.

CPT Code	Description	2003							2004							Difference	
		Work		Non		Conversion	Reimbursement		Work		Non		Conversion	Reimbursement		Non Facility	Facility
		RVU	Malprac	Facility	Facility		Facility	Facility	RVU	Facility	Facility	Malprac		Facility	Facility		
43235	Upper GI Endoscopy, diag.	2.39	0.13	5.85	1.06	36.7856	\$307.90	\$131.69	2.39	5.04	1.07	0.16	37.34	\$283.41	\$135.17	-7.95%	2.64%
43239	Upper GI Endoscopy, biopsy	2.87	0.14	6.17	1.23	36.7856	\$337.69	\$155.97	2.87	5.58	1.23	0.17	37.34	\$321.87	\$159.44	-4.69%	2.23%
43246	Place gastroonomy tube	4.33	0.24	NA	1.75	36.7856	NA	\$232.48	4.32	1.74	1.74	0.29	37.34	\$237.11	\$237.11	NA	1.99%
43248	Uper GI endoscopy/guidewire	3.15	0.15	NA	1.35	36.7856	NA	\$171.05	3.15	1.35	1.35	0.18	37.34	\$174.75	\$174.75	NA	2.16%
43255	Operative Upper GI Endosco	4.82	0.20	NA	1.95	36.7856	NA	\$256.40	4.81	1.92	1.92	0.24	37.34	\$260.26	\$260.26	NA	1.51%
43260	Endoscopy, bile duct/panc.	5.96	0.27	NA	2.44	36.7856	NA	\$318.93	5.95	2.31	2.31	0.33	37.34	\$320.75	\$320.75	NA	0.57%
45330	Sigmoidoscopy, diagnostic	0.96	0.05	1.82	0.52	36.7856	\$104.10	\$56.28	0.96	2.2	0.52	0.06	37.34	\$120.23	\$57.50	15.50%	2.17%
45331	Sigmoidoscopy, and biopsy	1.15	0.07	2.24	0.53	36.7856	\$127.28	\$64.37	1.15	2.91	0.63	0.08	37.34	\$154.59	\$69.45	21.46%	7.89%
45378	Colonoscopy, diagnostic	3.70	0.20	8.03	1.72	36.7856	\$438.85	\$206.74	3.69	6.04	1.58	0.24	37.34	\$372.28	\$205.74	-15.17%	-0.48%
45380	Colonoscopy and biopsy	4.40	0.21	8.46	2	36.7856	\$480.79	\$243.15	4.43	7.07	1.78	0.25	37.34	\$438.75	\$241.22	-8.74%	-0.80%
45384	Colonoscopy	4.70	0.24	9.07	2.09	36.7856	\$515.37	\$258.60	4.69	6.69	1.87	0.29	37.34	\$435.76	\$255.78	-15.45%	-6.72%
45385	Colonoscopy, lesion removal	5.31	0.28	9.24	2.31	36.7856	\$545.53	\$290.61	5.3	7.69	2.08	0.34	37.34	\$497.74	\$288.26	-8.76%	-0.81%
93000	Electrocardiogram, comp.	0.17	0.03	0.51	NA	36.7856	\$26.12	NA	0.17	0.51	0.51	0.03	37.34	\$26.51	NA	1.51%	NA
93010	Electrocardiogram, report	0.17	0.01	0.06	0.06	36.7856	\$8.83	\$8.83	0.17	0.06	0.06	0.01	37.34	\$8.96	\$8.96	1.51%	1.51%
99203	Office/Outpatient Visit, new	1.34	0.08	1.1	0.49	36.7856	\$92.70	\$70.26	1.34	1.13	0.48	0.1	37.34	\$95.96	\$71.69	3.52%	2.04%
99204	Office/Outpatient Visit, new	2.00	0.10	1.49	0.72	36.7856	\$132.06	\$103.74	2	1.51	0.71	0.12	37.34	\$135.54	\$105.67	2.64%	1.87%
99205	Office/Outpatient Visit, new	2.67	0.12	1.79	0.95	36.7856	\$168.48	\$137.58	2.67	1.8	0.95	0.14	37.34	\$172.14	\$140.40	2.17%	2.05%
99211	Office/Outpatient Visit, est.	0.17	0.01	0.38	0.06	36.7856	\$20.60	\$8.83	0.17	0.39	0.06	0.01	37.34	\$21.28	\$8.96	3.32%	1.51%
99212	Office/Outpatient Visit, est.	0.45	0.02	0.52	0.16	36.7856	\$36.42	\$23.17	0.45	0.54	0.16	0.02	37.34	\$37.71	\$23.52	3.56%	1.51%
99213	Office/Outpatient Visit, est.	0.67	0.03	0.69	0.24	36.7856	\$51.13	\$34.58	0.67	0.7	0.24	0.04	37.34	\$52.65	\$35.47	2.97%	2.59%
99214	Office/Outpatient Visit, est.	1.10	0.04	1.03	0.4	36.7856	\$79.82	\$56.65	1.1	1.05	0.4	0.05	37.34	\$82.15	\$57.88	2.91%	2.17%
99215	Office/Outpatient Visit, est.	1.77	0.07	1.34	0.64	36.7856	\$116.98	\$91.23	1.77	1.34	0.65	0.08	37.34	\$119.11	\$93.35	1.83%	2.33%
99222	Initial Hospital Care	2.14	0.08	NA	0.75	36.7856	NA	\$109.25	2.14	0.74	0.74	0.1	37.34	\$111.27	\$111.27	NA	1.85%
99223	Initial Hospital Care	2.99	0.10	NA	1.04	36.7856	NA	\$151.92	2.97	NA	1.03	0.12	37.34	NA	\$153.84	NA	1.26%
99231	Subsequent Hospital Care	0.64	0.02	NA	0.23	36.7856	NA	\$32.74	0.64	NA	0.23	0.02	37.34	NA	\$33.23	NA	1.51%
99232	Subsequent Hospital Care	1.06	0.03	NA	0.38	36.7856	NA	\$54.07	1.06	NA	0.37	0.04	37.34	NA	\$54.89	NA	1.51%
99233	Subsequent Hospital Care	1.51	0.05	NA	0.53	36.7856	NA	\$76.88	1.51	NA	0.52	0.06	37.34	NA	\$78.04	NA	1.51%
99238	Hospital discharge day	1.28	0.04	NA	0.56	36.7856	NA	\$69.16	1.28	NA	0.54	0.05	37.34	NA	\$69.83	NA	0.97%
99241	Office consult	0.64	0.04	0.61	0.22	36.7856	\$47.45	\$33.11	0.64	0.65	0.22	0.05	37.34	\$50.04	\$33.98	5.44%	2.63%
99242	Office consult	1.29	0.09	1.02	0.47	36.7856	\$88.29	\$68.05	1.29	1.05	0.46	0.11	37.34	\$91.48	\$69.45	3.62%	2.06%
99243	Office consult	1.72	0.10	1.35	0.64	36.7856	\$116.61	\$90.49	1.72	1.39	0.63	0.12	37.34	\$120.61	\$92.23	3.43%	1.92%
99244	Office consult	2.58	0.13	1.8	0.94	36.7856	\$165.90	\$134.27	2.58	1.83	0.92	0.16	37.34	\$170.64	\$136.66	2.86%	1.79%
99245	Office consult	3.43	0.16	2.26	1.24	36.7856	\$215.20	\$177.67	3.42	2.29	1.24	0.19	37.34	\$220.31	\$181.10	2.37%	1.93%
99252	Initial Patient Consult	1.32	0.08	NA	0.51	36.7856	NA	\$70.26	1.32	NA	0.5	0.1	37.34	NA	\$71.69	NA	2.04%
99253	Initial Patient Consult	1.82	0.09	NA	0.7	36.7856	NA	\$96.01	1.82	NA	0.68	0.11	37.34	NA	\$97.46	NA	1.51%
99254	Initial Patient Consult	2.64	0.11	NA	1	36.7856	NA	\$137.95	2.64	NA	0.99	0.13	37.34	NA	\$140.40	NA	1.78%
99255	Initial Patient Consult	3.65	0.15	NA	1.36	36.7856	NA	\$189.81	3.64	NA	1.35	0.18	37.34	NA	\$193.05	NA	1.70%
99262	Follow-up inpatient consult	0.85	0.03	NA	0.31	36.7856	NA	\$43.77	0.85	NA	0.31	0.04	37.34	NA	\$44.81	NA	2.36%
99263	Follow-up inpatient consult	1.27	0.04	NA	0.46	36.7856	NA	\$65.11	1.27	NA	0.45	0.05	37.34	NA	\$66.09	NA	1.51%