

** Column F may not equal the sum of columns C, D, and E due to rounding.

2. CY 2015 PFS Impact Discussion

a. Work RVU Impacts

The changes in work RVU impacts are almost entirely attributable to the payment for CCM services beginning in CY 2015. We finalized this separately billable CCM service in the CY 2014 final rule with comment period, effective beginning in CY 2015 (78 FR 74414 through 74427). We propose a payment rate for CCM services for CY 2015 in this proposed rule. Payment for this service at the proposed rate is expected to result in modest payment increases for family practice, internal medicine, and geriatrics.

b. PE RVU Impacts

Payment for CCM services also has a positive impact on the PE RVUs attributable to family practice, internal medicine, and geriatrics. The most widespread specialty impacts in PE RVUs are generally related to our proposal to implement the RUC recommendation regarding the film-to-digital migration of imaging inputs, which primarily affects portable x-ray

suppliers, diagnostic testing facilities, and interventional radiology. Radiation oncology and radiation treatment centers are negatively impacted by our proposal to treat radiation treatment vaults as indirect PE rather than direct PEs. Other impacts result from adjustments of PE RVUs for services as discussed in section II.B.

c. MP RVU Impacts

The changes in MP RVUs are primarily attributable to proposed changes as part of the statutorily required review of MP RVUs every five years as described in section II.C of this proposed rule. Of particular note are the impacts on the specialties of ophthalmology (–2 percent) and optometry (–1 percent). In the course of preparation of the proposed MP RVUs, we discovered that we had made an error in calculating the MP RVUs for ophthalmology codes in the last five-year review CY that resulted in higher MP RVUs for ophthalmology and optometry for CY 2010 than would have resulted had the MP RVUs been calculated correctly.

d. Combined Impact

Column F of Table 60 displays the estimated CY 2015 combined impact on total allowed charges by specialty of all the proposed RVU changes. These impacts are estimated prior to the application of the negative CF update effective April 1, 2015, applicable under the current statute.

Table 61 (Impact of Proposed Rule on CY 2015 Payment for Selected Procedures) shows the estimated impact on total payments for selected high volume procedures of all of the proposed changes. We have included proposed payment rates for the period of January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015, as well as those for April 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. We selected these procedures for sake of illustration from among the most commonly furnished by a broad spectrum of specialties. The change in both facility rates and the nonfacility rates are shown. For an explanation of facility and nonfacility PE, we refer readers to Addendum A of this proposed rule.

TABLE 61—IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULE ON CY 2015 PAYMENT FOR SELECTED PROCEDURES

[Based on the March 2014 Preliminary Physician Update]

CPT 1/HCPSCS	MOD	Short Descriptor	Facility			Non-facility		
			CY 2014 ²	CY 2015 Jan 1– March 31 ³	Change	CY 2014 ²	CY 2015 Jan 1– March 31 ³	Change
11721	Debride nail 6 or more	\$25.43	\$25.42	0	\$45.14	\$45.46	1
17000	Destruct premalg lesion	53.38	52.98	–1	75.23	74.82	–1
27130	Total hip arthroplasty	1,394.94	1,397.90	0	NA	NA	NA
27244	Treat thigh fracture	1,261.68	1,269.03	1	NA	NA	NA
27447	Total knee arthroplasty	1,394.22	1,397.54	0	NA	NA	NA
33533	Cabg arterial single	1,955.92	1,930.93	–1	NA	NA	NA
35301	Rechanneling of artery	1,200.42	1,189.92	–1	NA	NA	NA
43239	Egd biopsy single/multiple	152.25	151.78	0	405.51	408.81	1
66821	After cataract laser surgery	324.55	314.66	–3	342.47	333.28	–3
66984	Cataract surg w/iol 1 stage	673.11	647.22	–4	NA	NA	NA
67210	Treatment of retinal lesion	523.37	506.18	–3	540.92	523.36	–3
71010	Chest x–ray 1 view frontal	NA	NA	NA	24.00	22.55	–6
71010	26	Chest x–ray 1 view frontal	9.31	9.31	0	9.31	9.31	0
77056	Mammogram both breasts	NA	NA	NA	116.07	164.31	42
77056	26	Mammogram both breasts	44.42	43.67	–2	44.42	43.67	–2
77057	Mammogram screening	NA	NA	NA	82.75	134.96	63
77057	26	Mammogram screening	35.82	35.08	–2	35.82	35.08	–2
77427	Radiation tx management x5	186.28	189.01	1	186.28	189.01	1
88305	26	Tissue exam by pathologist	38.33	38.30	0	38.33	38.30	0
90935	Hemodialysis one evaluation	73.44	73.39	0	NA	NA	NA
92012	Eye exam establish patient	54.81	52.98	–3	87.05	85.56	–2
92014	Eye exam&tx estab pt 1/>vst	82.75	80.54	–3	126.10	124.22	–1
93000	Electrocardiogram complete	NA	NA	NA	16.84	17.18	2
93010	Electrocardiogram report	8.60	8.59	0	8.60	8.59	0
93015	Cardiovascular stress test	NA	NA	NA	75.94	76.61	1
93307	26	Tte w/o doppler complete	45.85	46.18	1	45.85	46.18	1
93458	26	L hrt artery/ventricle angio	325.63	320.03	–2	325.63	320.03	–2
98941	Chiropract manj 3–4 regions	35.46	35.08	–1	41.55	41.17	–1
99203	Office/outpatient visit new	77.02	77.32	0	108.18	108.47	0
99213	Office/outpatient visit est	51.58	51.55	0	73.08	73.39	0
99214	Office/outpatient visit est	79.17	79.11	0	107.83	108.11	0