



Medical Fee Schedule Overview

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The Present – Post 1/12004

- 1999 Official Medical Fee Schedule
 - All Physician's Services
 - Evaluation and Management
 - Anesthesia
 - Surgery
 - Radiology- all service locations
 - Medicine
 - Physical Medicine
 - Special Services



Changes to Physician Fee Schedule

- For physician services rendered on or after February 15, 2007, the maximum allowable reimbursement amounts for procedure codes 99201 through 99205 and 99211 through 99215 are set forth in the February, 2007 Addendum to Table A, "OMFS Physician Services Fees for Services Rendered on or after February 15, 2007." The February, 2007 Addendum to Table A, "OMFS Physician Services Fees for Services Rendered on or after February 15, 2007", which sets forth individual procedure codes with the corresponding maximum reimbursable fees, is incorporated by reference.

Changes to E/M Codes

Order	OMFS Section	Procedure Code	2-15-07 OMFS Maximum
Z	E&M	99202	70.19
Z	E&M	99203	103.86
Z	E&M	99204	146.12
Z	E&M	99205	186.73
Z	E&M	99211	23.81
Z	E&M	99212	42.02
Z	E&M	99213	56.93
Z	E&M	99214	89.57
Z	E&M	99215	129.41

Medicare Based Fee Schedules

120% of Medicare Rates

- Clinical Laboratory – updated annually
- DME – updated quarterly
 - All suppliers: wholesale, retail, mail-order, provider
- Orthotics, Prosthetics and Supplies – updated quarterly
- Inpatient Facility – updated annually
- Outpatient Facility – OPSS Schedule – updated annually
 - Hospital Outpatient Departments
 - Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- Ambulance – updated annually



Pharmacy Services



- Medi-Cal Based Fee Schedule
 - 100% of Medi-Cal's rates
 - Applies to anyone dispensing pharmaceuticals
 - Web based calculator
 - Database updated first day of each week.
 - Doesn't include repackaged drugs
 - Drugs not found in Medi-Cal's database paid based on new rules effective as of March 1, 2007

Unlisted Pharmaceuticals

- For a pharmacy service or drug that is not covered by a Medi-Cal payment system, the maximum reasonable fee paid shall not exceed the drug cost portion of the determined in accordance with this subdivision, plus \$7.25 professional fee for dispensing or \$8.00 if the patient is in a skilled nursing facility or in an intermediate care facility. The maximum fee shall include only a single professional dispensing fee for dispensing for each dispensing of a drug.

If the NDC is not in the Medi-Cal Database

- If the NDC for the underlying drug product from the original labeler appears in the Medi-Cal database, then the maximum fee shall be the drug cost portion of the reimbursement allowed pursuant to section 14105.45 of the Welfare and Institutions Code using the NDC for the underlying drug product from the original labeler as it appears in the Medi-Cal database, calculated on a per unit basis, plus the professional fee allowed by subdivision (b) of this section.

- If the NDC for the underlying drug product from the original labeler is not in the Medi-Cal database, then the maximum fee shall be 83 percent of the average wholesale price of the lowest priced therapeutically equivalent drug, calculated on a per unit basis, plus the professional fee allowed by subdivision (b) of this section.

- “therapeutically equivalent drugs” means drugs that have been assigned the same Therapeutic Equivalent Code starting with the letter “A” in the Food and Drug Administration’s publication “Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations” (“Orange Book”). The Orange Book may be accessed through the Food and Drug Administration’s website: <http://www.fda.gov/cder/orange/default.htm>;
- (2) “NDC for the underlying drug product from the original labeler” means the NDC of the drug product actually utilized by the repackager in producing the repackaged product.

Medical-Legal Fee Schedule

- Updated as of July 1, 2006
- Hourly rate went up 25%
- Changed the definitions in various sections
 - Medical Research
- Changed some of the complexity factors
 - Apportionment
 - Added UR dispute
- Added two new ML Codes
 - ML 105 for Medical-Legal Testimony
 - ML 106 for Supplemental Reports

Where Are They Found?

- 1999 Official Medical Fee Schedule
- DWC’s web site www.dir.ca.gov/dwc
- Medicare’s web site www.cms.hhs.gov
- Medi-Cal’s web site www.medi-cal.ca.gov



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