

Proposed 2021 Fee Schedule Updates: Professional Provider Services and Hospital Inpatient Services

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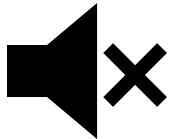
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Objectives

- Recall the 2021 updates for BWC's hospital inpatient service reimbursement
- Understand the key changes for the 2021 Professional Provider Fee Schedule
 - Important fee-schedule modifier updates
 - Newly developed BWC-specific local codes
 - Updates to multiple-procedure payment reductions

2021 Hospital Inpatient Reimbursement

2021 Hospital inpatient reimbursement goals

- Maintain a simplified reimbursement methodology
- Appropriately remain current with the Medicare inpatient reimbursement methodology
- Maintain competitive reimbursement in order to ensure and promote:
 - Injured workers' access to quality care.
 - System efficiency.

Hospital inpatient services

- Ohio Administrative Code 4123-6-37.1

BWC inpatient reimbursement methodology	BWC enrollment type and Medicare IPPS status
Medicare IPPS-based methodology (i.e., MS-DRG methodology) plus BWC payment adjustment factor	Type 34 – Acute care hospital and Medicare IPPS eligible
IPPS-exempt methodology - Allowed billed charges multiplied by Medicare cost-to-charge ratio (CCR); further multiplied by 1.14, not to exceed 70% of allowed billed charges	Type 34 – Acute care hospital and Medicare IPPS exempt hospital or unit Type 36 – Psychological hospital Type 37 – Rehabilitation hospital
All-inclusive per diem payment	Type 35 – Detoxification hospital

2021 Hospital inpatient fee schedule updates

- Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) - eligible hospitals
 - Adopting the Medicare 2021 IPPS methodology changes
 - Maintaining the current payment adjustment factor of 1.127

2021 IPPS-based reimbursement

- Includes discharges between Feb. 1, 2021 and Jan. 31, 2022
- BWC uses version 38.0 of the Medicare code edits and grouper software.
- New or updated 2021 codes cross walked back to 2020 codes for discharges from Oct. 1, 2020 – Jan. 31, 2021.
- Medicare quarterly updates not adopted
- Adopting July 2020 cost-to-charge ratios (CCRs)

2021 IPPS-based reimbursement reminder

- One and three-day window
 - BWC follows Medicare's payment window policy for outpatient services followed by inpatient admission.
 - Policy details can be found in Medicare's Claims Processing Manual and other resources.

IPPS-exempt hospitals

- Applies to Medicare IPPS-exempt facilities and units
- Reimbursement 114% of cost for each bill
 - Allowed charges x hospital CCR x 1.14
 - Capped at 70% of charges
- Adopting July 2020 cost-to-charge ratios

Inpatient detox per diem

- All-inclusive per diem rates

Service	Revenue Code	Per Diem Rate
Acute inpatient detoxification services	0126	\$786
Subacute inpatient detoxification services	1002	\$597

2021 Hospital inpatient fee schedule

- Approved by BWC's Board of Directors in September
- Rule to follow the Chapter 119 rule-making process
- Effective for discharges beginning Feb. 1, 2021

2021 Professional Provider and Medical Service Fee Schedule

2021 Professional Provider Fee Schedule file

- Preamble
- Fees
- Always therapy rates
- Medically unlikely edits
- Anesthesia base units

Preamble

- Important reimbursement impacts
 - Coverage definitions
 - Modifiers with reimbursement impacts
 - Provider-type impacts
 - Multiple procedure reduction specifications

Preamble

- Reimbursement impact modifiers
 - **Modifier 52** Reduced Services – Clarifying this modifier cannot be appended to any timed therapy service.
 - **Modifiers GO/GP/GN** – Always-therapy modifiers must be appended to any always-therapy procedure code when billing.

Preamble

- 2021 Skilled nursing facility 2% reduction for failure to submit Medicare quality data
- Multiple procedure payment reduction updates
 - Adding reductions for Indicators 3, 6, and 7

Special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures (MPPR indicator 3)	When an endoscopic procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e. same base procedure), the highest valued endoscopy code in the family is paid at 100%, and any additional endoscopy codes in the same family are paid at a reduced amount based on the value of the endoscopic base code. If endoscopy codes are billed on the same day as other procedures, subject to MPPR, endoscopy codes may be subject to both endoscopic and multiple surgery reductions.
Diagnostic cardiovascular services (MPPR indicator 6)	Subject to 25% reduction of the second highest and subsequent procedures to the TC of diagnostic cardiovascular services.
Diagnostic ophthalmology services (MPPR indicator 7)	Subject to 20% reduction of the second highest and subsequent procedures to the TC of diagnostic ophthalmology services.

Fees

- Current rates
- Current coverages
- CPT/HCPCS/BWC-specific local level codes

BWC-specific local level codes

- Adult day care services
 - W5655 Adult day care level 1 behavioral supervision
 - W5660 Adult day care level 2 skilled medical needs
 - In lieu of home health services
 - All inclusive rate, including transportation
- Hospice Z0570 In Home Hospice continuous health care, RN, per hour during period of crisis to remain at home
 - Must meet Medicare requirements to bill (eight-hours skilled)

BWC-specific local level codes

- Genium X3 Knee
 - New Code W5670
 - All-inclusive fee
- Long-term skilled nursing facility services
 - 2020 new code short-term post acute
 - 2021 code deletions and five new additions long-term/residential services

Skilled Nursing Facility/Assisted Living Codes

Old code	Expired date	New code	New effective date
W0170	12/31/2020	W0171	01/01/2020
W0176	12/31/2020	W0204	01/01/2021
W0180	12/31/2020	W0203	01/01/2021
		W0202	01/01/2021
		W0201	01/01/2021
		W0200	01/01/2021
		Z0180	01/01/2021

Functional Capacity Evaluation (FCE)

- Identified two distinct types of FCEs
 - Treatment based – treating provider
 - Measuring treatment-based progress
 - Occupationally focused – independent provider
 - Measuring occupationally focused limitations, return-to-work readiness, vocational rehab plan readiness, etc.

Functional Capacity Evaluation

- Treatment based
 - Requires use of always therapy modifier (GO/GP)
 - Only face-to-face time billable
 - Subject to timed therapy documentation requirements
- Occupationally focused
 - Does not use always therapy modifier (GO/GP)
 - Combination of face-to-face and non-face-to-face time with limits:
 - Non-face-to-face limited to no more than one hour.
 - Subject to timed therapy documentation requirements.

Policy updates expected Q1 2021

- Documentation
- Functional Capacity Evaluation
- HBAI
- Opioid use disorder*
- Adult day care
- Hospice
- Nursing home
- Always-therapy modifier billing requirement

* Rule update

Provider billing instructions

- National Provider Identifier (NPI) billing requirement
 - If you are eligible for NPI, you must use it to bill as a servicing provider.
 - Refer to new Billing and Reimbursement Manual Policy BRM-26; General Provider Billing Instructions identifies BWC-specific billing requirements for submitting bills for services.
 - <https://info.bwc.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/bwc/providers/workers-compensation-provider/media-library-for-providers/provider-videos> (link to pre-recorded provider webinars)

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Accessing online fee schedules

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Current

Title	Effective date	Download/Print
ASC - Ambulatory Surgical Center Fee Schedule	05/01/20	 
ASC - Ambulatory Surgical Center Fee Schedule Rule	05/01/20	 
IPPS - Hospital Cost-to-Charge Ratios	02/01/20	 
IPPS - Hospital Inpatient Reimbursement Rule	02/01/20	 
IPPS - Hospital Inpatient Reimbursement Rule Appendix	02/01/20	 
OPPS - Determining Hospital Outpatient Cost-to-Charge Ratios	05/01/20	 
OPPS - Hospital Outpatient Cost-to-Charge Ratios	05/01/20	 
OPPS - Hospital Outpatient Reimbursement Rule	05/01/20	 
OPPS - Hospital Outpatient Reimbursement Rule Appendix	05/01/20	 
PPMS - Professional Provider Medical Services Fee Schedule	01/01/20	 
VR - Vocational Rehabilitation Fee Schedule and Appendix A	02/01/15	 

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- Billing requirements

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- Policy alerts

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