



# Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database

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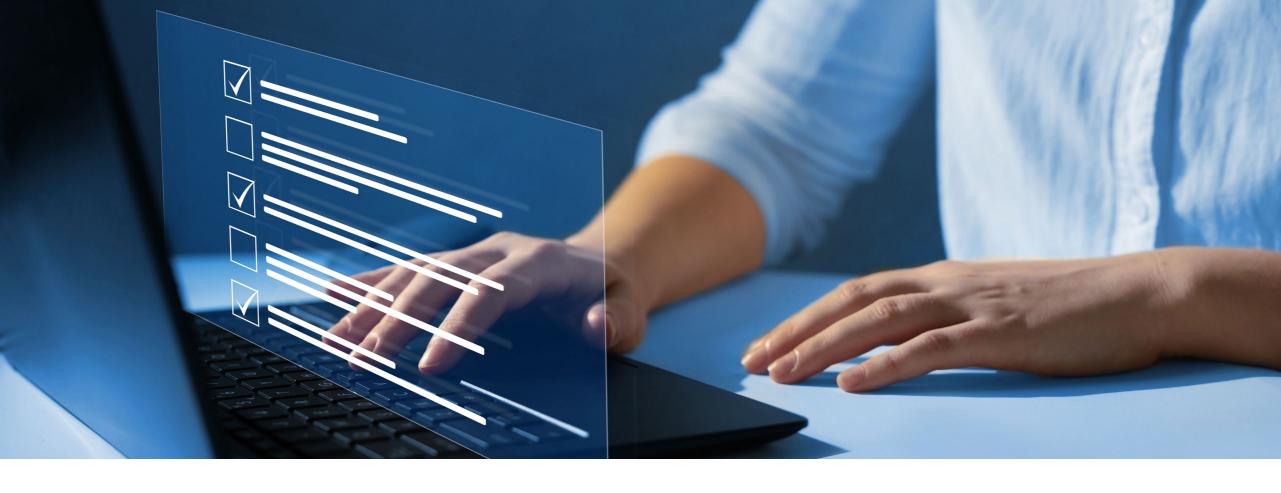
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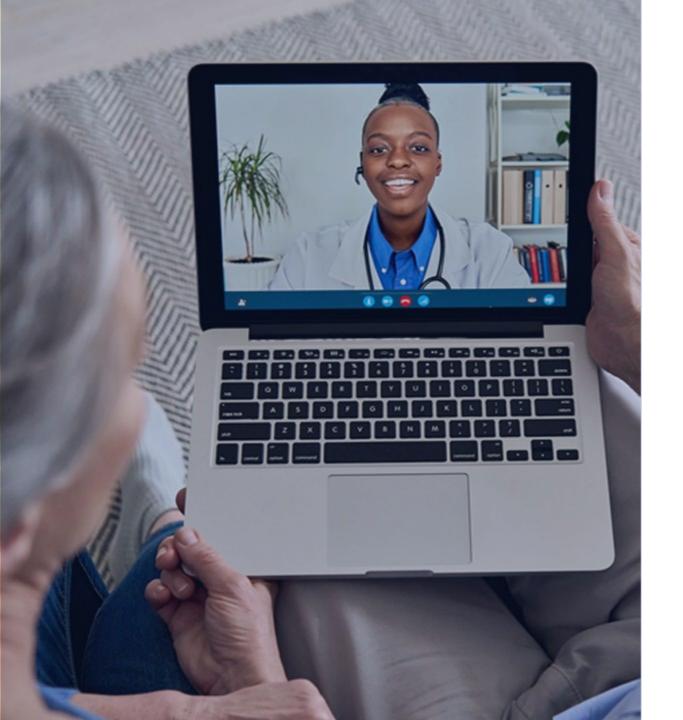


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#### Objective

Assist providers in understanding the MPFSDB, how to access the database files and use the information found in the searchable database **prior to** submitting Medicare Part B claims







#### Agenda

- NGS Physician Fee Schedule Tool
- <u>Database Policy Indicators</u>
- NGS Lookup Tool Examples
- CMS MPFSDB
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- Resources and References
- Questions

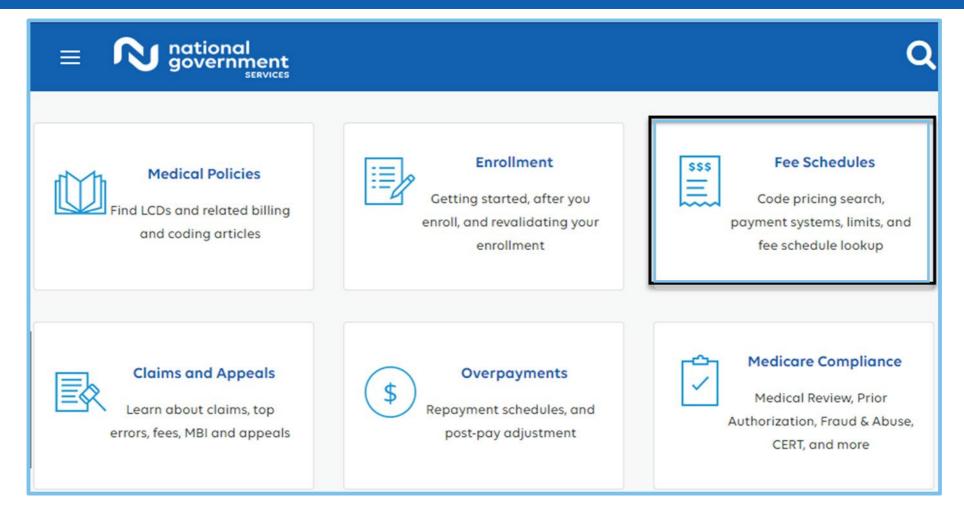






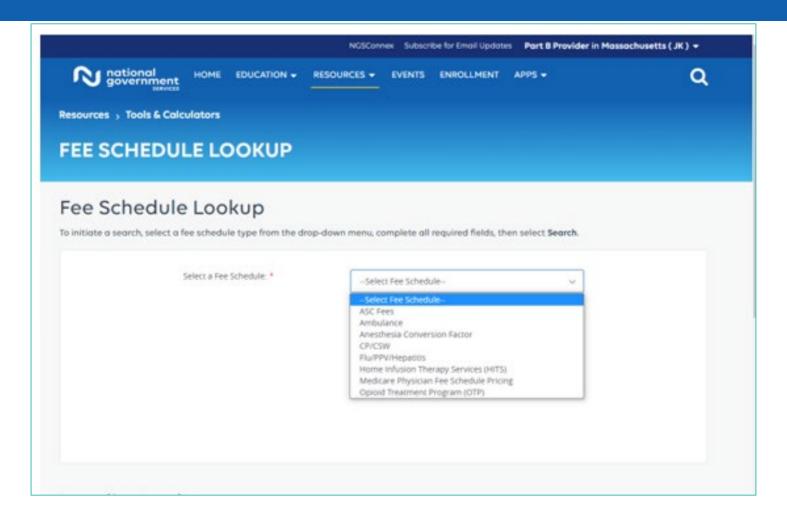
### NGS Physician Fee Schedule Lookup Tool

### Medicare Physician Fee Schedule





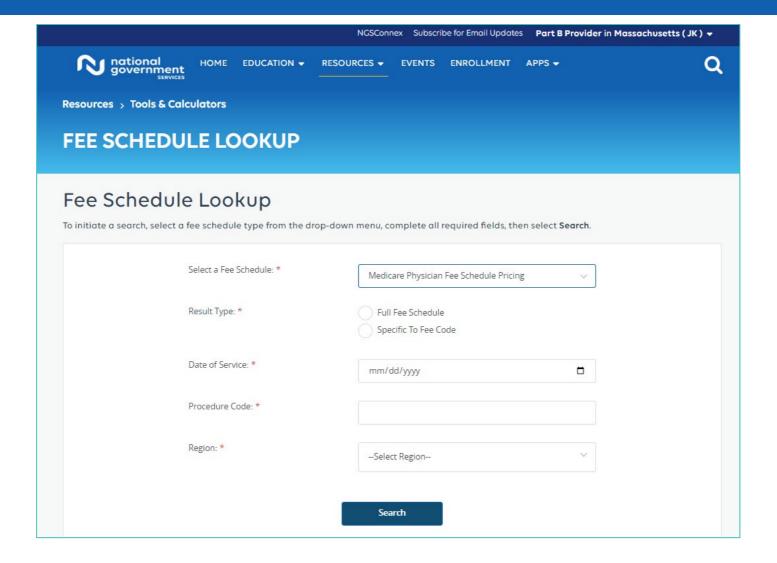
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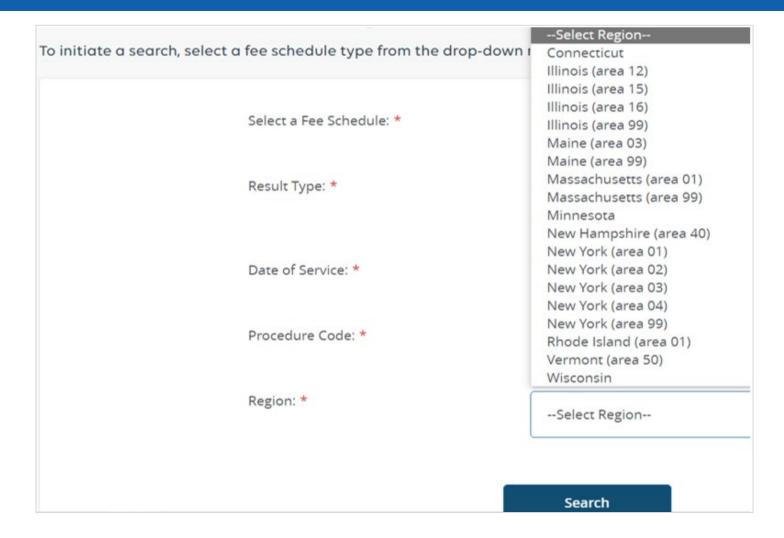
#### Fee Schedule Lookup







### Fee Schedule Lookup – Regions







#### Illinois Locality/Area and County Information

Locality/Area	Counties
12	Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington
15	DuPage, Kane, Lake, Will
16	Cook
99	All Other Counties



# Maine and Massachusetts, Locality/Area and County Information

Locality/Area	State	Counties
01	MA	Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk
99	MA	All Other Counties
03	ME	York and Cumberland
99	ME	All Other Counties





## New York Locality/Area and County Information

Locality/Area	State
01	Manhattan
02	Bronx, Brooklyn, Nassau, Rockland, Staten Island, Suffolk, Westchester
03	Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster
04	Queens
99	All Other Counties





## Database Policy Indicators



#### **Policy Indicators**

- Procedure status indicators
- Global surgery
- Facility pricing
- Preoperative
- Interoperative
- Postoperative
- Multiple surgery
- Bilateral surgery
- Assistant at surgery
- Two surgeons
- Team surgery
- Use References: <u>Fee Schedule Lookup Details</u>







#### Procedure Status Indicators

- Field indicates whether the code is in the fee schedule and whether it is separately payable if the service is covered
- Presence of an active (or valid) status code does not mean the service is covered by Medicare
- Service may be valid according to the list but may not be considered covered due to other criteria such as medical necessity or global surgery rules







# Procedure Status Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
А	Active code
В	Bundled code
С	Carriers price the code
Е	Excluded from Physician Fee Schedule by regulation
I	Not valid for Medicare purposes
N	Noncovered Services: These services are not covered by Medicare
R	Restricted Coverage: Special coverage instructions apply





#### PC/TC Indicator

- Indicator describes physician services that have global concept, professional or technical components
- These include diagnostic and therapeutic radiology services, certain diagnostic tests that involve a physician's interpretation and physician pathology services
- Indicators identify TC for technical component and 26 professional component (PC)







### PC/TC Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	The concept of PC/TC does not apply since physician services cannot be split into professional and technical components
1	These codes have both a professional and technical component. Modifiers 26 and TC can be used with these codes
2	Professional Component Only Codes
3	Technical Component Only Codes
4	Global Test Only Codes





### Global Surgery

- Indicator provides the postoperative time frames that apply to payment for each surgical procedure or another indicator that describes the applicability of the global concept to the service
- Global surgery, includes all the necessary services normally furnished by a surgeon before, during and after a procedure
- Medicare payment for surgical procedure includes the preoperative, intra-operative, and postoperative services routinely performed by the surgeon or by members of the same group with the same specialty
- Physicians in same group practice who are in the same specialty must bill and be paid as though they were a single physician





#### Global Surgery Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
000	Endoscopic or minor procedure with related preoperative and postoperative relative values on the day of the procedure only included in the fee schedule payment amount; evaluation and management services on the day of the procedure generally not payable
010	Minor procedure with preoperative relative values on the day of the procedure and postoperative relative values during a ten-day postoperative period included in the fee schedule amount; evaluation and management services on the day of the procedure and during the 10-day postoperative period generally not payable
090	Major surgery with a one-day preoperative period and 90-day postoperative period included in the fee schedule payment amount





#### Multiple Procedure (Modifier 51)

- Indicator for which payment adjustment rule for multiple surgical procedures applies
- Multiple surgeries are separate procedures performed by single physician or physicians in same group practice on same patient at same operative session or on same day for which separate payment may be allowed and reduced
- Providers do not use modifier 51







# Multiple Procedure Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	No payment adjustment rules for multiple procedures apply
1	Standard payment adjustment rules in effect before 1/1/1996, for multiple procedures apply. 100 percent, 50 percent, 25 percent, 25 percent
2	Standard payment adjustment rules for multiple procedures apply. 100 percent, 50 percent, 50 percent, 50 percent
3	Special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (that is, another endoscopy that has the same base procedure)





### Bilateral Surgery (Modifier 50)

- Indicates services subject to a payment adjustment
- Bilateral services are procedures that can be performed on both sides of the body during same session or on same day by same physician or other qualified health care professional







#### Bilateral Surgery Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	150 percent payment adjustment for bilateral procedures does not apply
1	150 percent payment adjustment for bilateral procedure applies
2	150 percent payment adjustment for bilateral does not apply
3	The usual payment adjustment for bilateral procedures does not apply





#### Assistant At Surgery (Modifiers 80/AS)

- Indicates services where assistant at surgery may be paid
- An assistant surgeon is defined as a physician who actively assists the operating surgeon
  - Assistant may be necessary because of the complex nature of procedure(s) or the patient's condition
  - Assistant is usually trained in same specialty
  - Assistant at surgery may be physician assistant, nurse practitioner or nurse midwife acting under the direct supervision of a physician, where physician acts as surgeon and the assistant at surgery as an assistant
- Assistant at surgery modifiers include
  - 80 if the services are by a MD or DO
  - AS if by an NP, PA or CNS





# Assistant at Surgery Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	Payment restriction for assistants at surgery applies to this procedure unless supporting documentation is submitted to establish medical necessity
1	Statutory payment restriction for assistants at surgery applies to this procedure. Assistant at surgery may not be paid
2	Payment restriction for assistants at surgery does not apply to this procedure. Assistant at surgery may be paid
9	Concept does not apply





### Co-surgeons (Modifier 62)

- Indicator for services that two surgeons, each in different specialty
- Co-surgeons are defined as two or more surgeons, where the skills of both surgeons are necessary to perform distinct parts of a specific operative procedure
- Co-surgery is always performed during the same operative session







### Co-Surgeon Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	Co-surgeons not permitted for this procedure
1	Co-surgeons could be paid, though supporting documentation is required to establish the medical necessity of two surgeons for the procedure
2	Co-surgeons permitted and no documentation required if the two-specialty requirement is met
9	Concept does not apply





### Team Surgery (Modifier 66)

- Indicator for services for which team surgeons may be paid
- Under some circumstances, highly complex procedures may require the services of a surgical team, consisting of several physicians, often of different specialties, plus other highly skilled, specially trained personnel and complex equipment
- Benefits are allowed for medically necessary procedures and allowance(s) will be determined on an individual consideration basis







#### Team Surgery Policy Indicators

Policy Indicator	Description
0	Team surgeons not permitted for this procedure
1	Team surgeons could be paid, though supporting documentation required to establish medical necessity of a team; pay by report
2	Team surgeons permitted; pay by report
9	Concept does not apply





#### Fee Schedule Assistance

• The <u>fee schedule assistance</u> page provides access to information about fee schedule definitions and acronyms





## NGS Look-up Tool Examples

# NGS Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Pricing and Database

Procedure Code	Effective Date	State/Territory	Locality	Short Description
76706	01/01/2022	14112	03	Us abdl aorta screen aaa

	Non-OPPS Capped Payment Rates (NON-OPPS)						
ModIfier	NON FAC PAR	NON FAC NON PAR	NON FAC LC	FAC PAR	FAC NON PAR	FAC LC	
(Details)	110.21	104.70	120.41	110.21	104.70	120.41	
26 (Details)	26.49	25.17	28.95	26.49	25.17	28.95	
TC (Details)	83.72	79.53	91.46	83.72	79.53	91.46	



#### **MPFSDB 76706**

Bilateral Surgery

Modifier Selected: (blank)							
Status	Conversion Factor	Update Factor	Work RVU	FAC PE RVU	NON FAC PE RVU		
A	33.8872	1.0000	0.55	2.61	2.61		
Malpractice RVU	Work GPCI	Practice GPCI	Malpractice GPCI	Reduced Therapy Amt	Endoscopic Base		
0.05	1.000	1.005	0.654	0.00			
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XXX	1	1	00.00%	00.00%	00.00%		

Assistant At Surgery

Two Surgeons

0



Multiple Surgery



Team Surgery

#### 47480

	Modifier	NON FAC PAR	NON FAC NON PAR	NON FAC LC	FAC PAR	FAC NON P		
Fees	(Details)	854.96	812.21	934.04	854.96	812.21	934.04	
Payment Calculation	Status	Conversio	on Factor	Update Factor	Work		FAC PE RVU	NON FAC PE RVU
	A	33.8872		1.0000	13.25		9.87	9.87
	Malpractice RVU	Work GPC		Practice GPCI	Malpi	ractice GPCI	Reduced Therapy Amt	Endoscopic Base
	3.15	1.000		1.005	0.654		0.00	
	Global Surgery	Facility Pric	ing P	С/ТС	Preopera	tive Percentage	Interoperative Percentage	Postoperative Percentage
Policy Indicators	090	1	0		09.00%		81.00%	10.00%
	Multiple Surgery	Bilate	eral Surgery	Assistan	t At Surgery	Two Surge	ons Tea	m Surgery
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## **MPFSDB 33935**

Fees	Modifier	NON FAC PAR	NON FAC NON PAR	NON FAC LC	FAC PAR	FAC NON PAR		
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## MPFSDB 99397

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Calculation	Malpractice RVU	Work GPCI	Practice GP	CI Malpra	ctice GPCI	Reduced Therapy Amt	Endoscopic Base		
	0.00	1.000	1.005	0.654		0.00			
	Global Surgery	Facility Pricing	PC/TC	Preopera	tive Percentage Into	eroperative Percentage	Postoperative Percentage		
Policy	xxx	9	9	00.00%	00.	00%	00.00%		
Indicators	Multiple Surgery	Bilateral Surgery		Assistant At Surgery	Two Surgeons	Team	Surgery		
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# CMS MPFSDB

### **MPFSDB**

- How to Locate the Searchable Database
  - Located on <a href="MS.gov">CMS.gov</a> official website
  - Overview of the Physician Fee Schedule Search
- Why Use the Searchable Database?
  - Find Medicare payment amounts
  - Learn if codes to be billed are affected by payment policies







# Searching the Database

- MLN Booklet® <u>How to Use</u> the PFS Look-Up Tool
- Pricing amounts
- Payment policy indicators
- RVUs
- GPCIs



#### How to Use the PFS Look-Up Tool





# Begin Search



#### Overview

This website is designed to provide information on services covered by the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). It provides more than 10,000 physician services, the associated relative value units, a fee schedule status indicator and various payment policy indicators needed for payment adjustment (i.e., payment of assistant at surgery, team surgery, etc.). The Medicare physician fee schedule pricing amounts are adjusted to reflect the variation in practice costs from area to area. A geographic practice ost index (OPCI) has been established for every Medicare payment locality for each of the three components of a procedure's relative value unit (i.e., the RVUs for work, practice expense, and malpractice). The OPCI are applied in the calculation of a fee schedule payment amount by multiplying the RVU for each component times the GPCI for that component.

The Physician Fee Schedule look-up website is designed to take you through the selection steps prior to the display of the information. The site allows you to:

- . Search pricing amounts, various payment policy indicators, RVUs, and GPCIs by a single procedure code, a range and a list of procedure codes.
- Search for the national payment amount, a specific Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) or a specific MAC locality. Each page has associated Help/Hint available to complete your selections.

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## Search Criteria

#### Search the Physician Fee Schedule

Use this search to view adjusted pricing amounts that reflect variations in pricing costs from area to area.

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Select search parameters.			
Year			
2024B	See notes for selected	year	
Type of Information			
All	~		
Select Healthcare Common Pro	cedural Coding System (HCPCS)	criteria.	
HCPCS Criteria		HCPCS Code	
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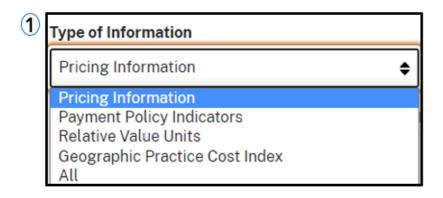


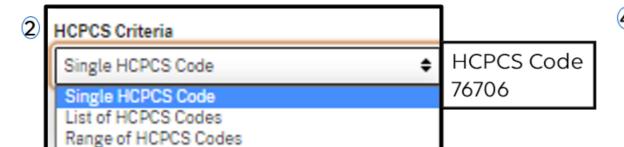


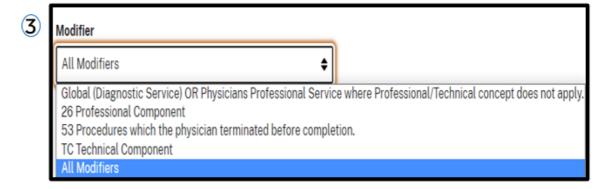


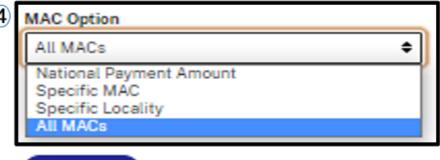
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# Search the Physician Fee Schedule















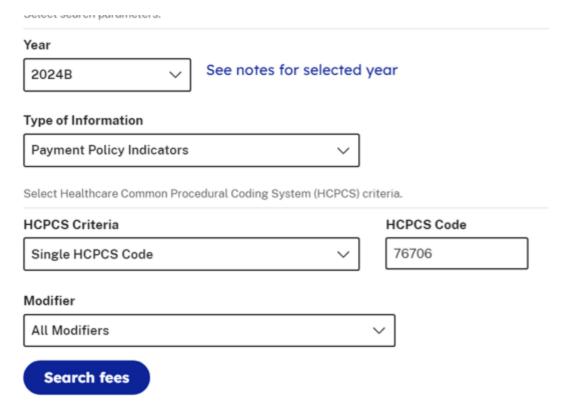


# Searching Payment Policy Indicators

- Professional/technical modifiers
- Postoperative days
- If a code is payable by Medicare
- Level of physician supervision required
- If a service can be billed bilaterally



## **Payment Policy** Indicators



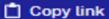






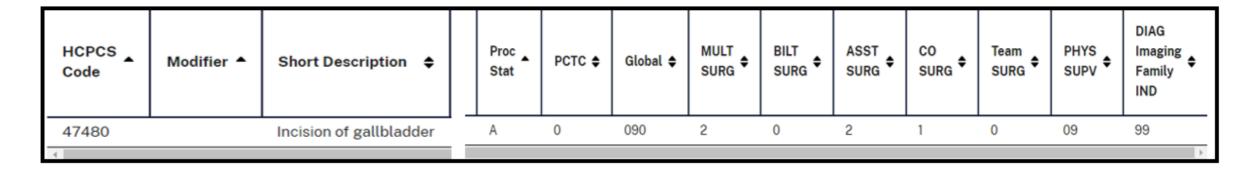
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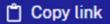










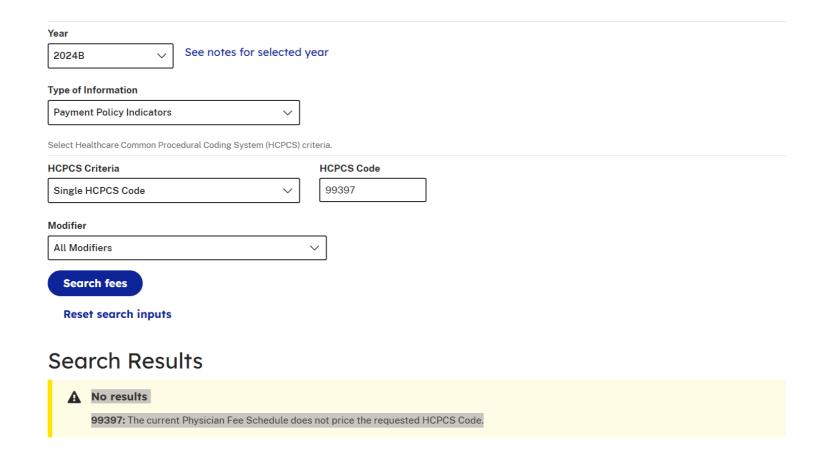




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# Resources and References

## Resources and References

- CMS References
  - CMS website
  - MLN® Booklet: <u>How to Use the PFS Look-Up Tool</u>
  - Physician Fee Schedule Look-Up
- NGS References
  - Fee Schedule Assistance
    - Description of Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database Policy Indicators

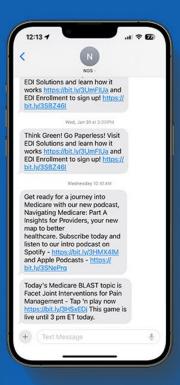


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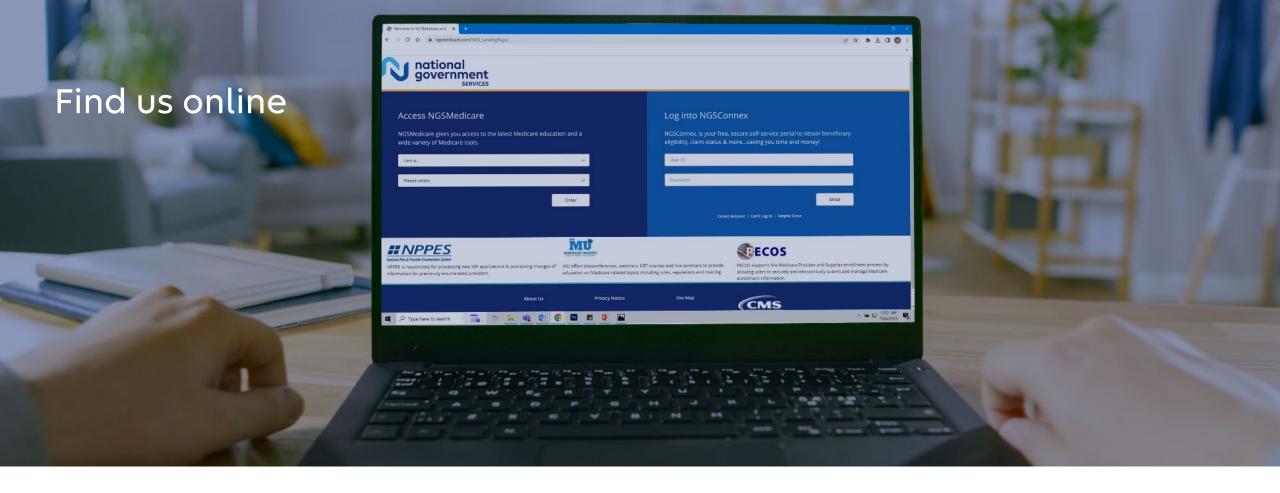
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