



REVISED 2018 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule – Effective January 1, 2018

On February 9, 2018, Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. A section of the Act changes the fees for all localities that previously had a 2018 Work GPCI less than 1.000, impacting the fees for all codes paid on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) for those localities. Michigan Locality 99 was one of the localities affected. Michigan Locality 01 is unaffected by this change. The revised Medicare Physician Fee Schedules below contain the pricing information for Dates of Service January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.

The fees apply to services provided in a non-facility setting.

Locality 01 (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw)

Code	Par	Non-Par	Limiting Charge	EHR Limiting Charge	PQRS Limiting Charge	EHR+PQRS Limiting Charge
98940	\$29.53	\$28.05	\$32.26	\$31.29	\$31.61	\$30.67
98941	\$42.09	\$39.99	\$45.99	\$44.61	\$45.07	\$43.71
98942	\$54.90	\$52.16	\$59.98	\$58.19	\$58.79	\$57.03

Locality 99 (All Other Michigan Counties)

Code	Par	Non-Par	Limiting Charge	EHR Limiting Charge	PQRS Limiting Charge	EHR+PQRS Limiting Charge
98940	\$28.21	\$26.80	\$30.82	\$29.90	\$30.20	\$29.30
98941	\$40.52	\$38.49	\$44.26	\$42.94	\$43.38	\$42.08
98942	\$52.86	\$50.22	\$57.75	\$56.02	\$56.60	\$54.90

Medicare Deductible for 2018: \$183

Electronic Health Records Incentive Program Penalties

All Medicare eligible professionals who did not adopt and successfully demonstrate meaningful use (MU) of a certified electronic health record (EHR) technology in 2016 are subject to a 3% reduction in the Medicare physician fee schedule amount for covered professional services.

Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Payment Adjustments

Eligible professionals who did not satisfactorily report data on quality measures for covered professional services in 2016 are subject to a 2% payment reduction in 2018.

Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) made important changes to how Medicare reimburses health care providers. One of these changes was combining existing quality reporting programs – including the EHR Incentive Program and PQRS – into one new program known as MIPS, the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System.

With the advent of MIPS, 2018 will be the last year physicians will see a cut for not participating in PQRS or the EHR Incentive Program. Only physicians who are required to participate in MIPS but do not will be penalized moving forward.

To determine if you must participate in MIPS, go to <https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup> and enter your NPI. For 2018, only clinicians or groups with more than \$90,000 or more than 200 Part B Medicare beneficiaries must participate.