

Regulatory Update



Updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Calculator



APTA Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Calculator

2024

Please note that this calculator includes the \$33.28 conversion factor updated by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2024 and includes the GPCI work floor policy which has been extended to Dec. 31. This calculator should be used for all services furnished on or after March 9, 2024.



[Download 2024 MPFS Calculator 2](#)

Please note this calculator does NOT include the updates to the conversion factor passed by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2024. This calculator was used for all services furnished between Jan. 1, 2024, and March 8, 2024.

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For services furnished on or after March 9th

For services furnished between January 1st and March 8th

APTA Regulatory, Legislative and Payment Update: April 4th at 2:30 EST

PTPAC Update



Grassroots Update



Key Contact Updates

Key Contact Quarterly Update and Training

- Next Wednesday, April 3 at 8:00 p.m. ET
- Will be recorded

Key Contact lists

- A few left to go

Congressional Update



Hill Happenings – Shutdown Averted

- Government funded ahead of deadline
 - \$1.2 trillion package
 - Bipartisan votes
 - 286-134 in House
 - 75-22 in Senate
 - Fee schedule fix
 - Partial fix
 - 1.68% bump
 - 1.69% short of full correction
 - Next major votes
 - Ukraine/Israel funding
 - Motion to Vacate



Stopping Addiction and Falls for the Elderly Act (SAFE Act) H.R. 7618



Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV)



Rep. Melanie Stansbury (D-NM)

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IPPE

- Initial Preventive Physical Examination.
- “Welcome to Medicare” visit
- Medicare pays for one per lifetime.
- Must be done in the first 12 months of Part B coverage.

H.R. 7618

- Adds new PT falls prevention policy to this program.
- If determined during the IPPE visit that the patient has had a fall within the past year, it would trigger referral to a physical therapist for falls screening and services.

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Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

- Done after the first 12 months of Part B coverage.
- No IPPE or AWV within the past 12 months.

H.R. 7618

- Adds new PT falls prevention policy to this program.
- If determined during the AWV visit that the patient has had a fall within the past year, it would trigger referral to a physical therapist for falls screening and services.

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Monday, March 25, 2024

Becerra: CMS Will Work With Congress To Ensure Telehealth Extension

By Emma Beavins, Jalen Brown / March 20, 2024 at 6:26 PM

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HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra said the "last thing" Congress needs to do is allow telehealth flexibilities to expire at a House Ways & Means hearing on the president's fiscal 2025 budget request Wednesday (March 20). Permanent telehealth policy was excluded from HHS' policy asks in Biden's budget request, but Becerra still urged Congress to extend Medicare telehealth flexibilities that will expire at the end of the year.

"I don't think there's any doubt that we need to maintain these telehealth flexibilities -- in fact, even more so on the

Telehealth

- **Expanded Telehealth Access Act** (H.R. 3875/S.2880)
 - Makes PTs and PTAs permanent providers of telehealth in Medicare
 - APTA endorsed
- **Telehealth Modernization Act** (H.R. 7623/S. 3967)
 - Makes all of the pandemic-era Medicare telehealth policies permanent
 - Includes PTs and PTAs.
 - APTA endorsed
- **CONNECT for Health Act** (H.R. 4189/S. 2016)
 - Makes most telehealth policies permanent but CMS decides which providers get telehealth flexibility. NOT Endorsing.

APTA focus is on the ETAA

Thank You

Next call is Wednesday, April 24 at 8:00 p.m. ET

