

Finding MPPR Rates - 2021

Each year, along with the fee schedules, there are additional rates that need to be updated in ECS to calculate the MPPR correctly. You will need the following rates:

- Medicare (B) Fee Schedule
- Conversion Factor
- PE RVU Values (different for each facility and for each HCPCS)
- GPCI (one rate that is unique per facility but the same for all HCPCS)

Carrier and Locality

First you will need to look up your carrier and locality numbers for your location. To reach this spreadsheet, the steps are as follows:

1. Go to the www.cms.gov website
2. Click on the **Medicare** yellow link on the top left of your screen
3. From under the **Medicare Fee-for-Service Payment** header, click on **Physician Fee Schedule**.
4. On the left-hand side, there are blue links. Click on the one that says **PFS Relative Value Files**.
5. Click the Calendar year that you are dealing with (for example: (2021 RVU21A)
6. Under the Downloads Heading, click the zip file (for example: RVU21A (ZIP.)
7. Open the file named **21LOCCO** (the excel file is best) or file for current year.
8. In this file, search for your state under the State column. Then write down the Carrier Number and Locality Number that is associated with it. You can then close out of this file.

GPCI Rates

9. Next, open the file named **GPCI2021** (the excel file is best) or file for current year.
10. Find your carrier and locality based on what you had written down from above and write down the number that is in the **2021 PE GPCI** column. This number is your GPCI.
11. Close this file.

Conversion Factor

12. Next, open the file named **PPRRVU21_Jan**. Find the column named Conv Factor. This is the Conversion Factor which is the same for every state.
13. Close this file.

PE RVU Values and Fee Schedules

Note: As of 12/28/2020, CMS does not have the 2021 document on their website.

The next step is to find the PE RVU values. The PE RVU values are different for each HCPCS code. The spreadsheet with the fee schedule and PE RVU can be found at:

1. Go back to www.cms.gov.
2. Click on the **Medicare** yellow link on the top left-hand corner
3. Under the **Billing** header, click **Therapy Services**
4. Scroll towards the bottom, under the **Downloads** header, click on the **MPPR Rate File (Current Year)** (for example MPPR Rate File 2021).
5. Open the **MPPR Rate Zip File** and then open the **mppr_rate_file_current** date.
6. Click on **Enable Editing at the top of the file.**
7. In this excel spreadsheet, first you can filter by carrier and locality based on what you found above.
 - o To filter by carrier, right-click on the Carrier **heading word**.
 - o Choose **Filter > Filter by Selected Cell's Value**
 - o Click on the drop down found on the bottom right corner of the Carrier heading and put a check in the box that is **your carrier number**. Click **OK**.
 - o Click on the **Locality** down arrow and uncheck any locality numbers that are not yours. Click **OK**.
 - This will change the excel spreadsheet, so it only shows your Carrier and Locality and hides all the others.
 - o The Medicare B Fee Schedule is found under the Fee Amount column. The Practice Expense RVUs is your PE value for each HCPCS code. You will not be using the 50% Reduction column so you can ignore it.

You will enter these rates into the charge master therapy task as well as the effective date of 01/01/2021. You will need to update the rates in Therapy Conversion Factor (MPPR), Therapy Fee Schedule, Therapy GPCI Value (MPPR), Therapy PE RVU Value (MPPR). Please note that the name of the Charge Master Tasks may be different in your system.

*****Please note that the spreadsheet does not include all HCPCS Codes, so if there is a code that is not on the list that your therapists use, you will need to use the Physician Fee Schedule Lookup Tool on the CMS website to find the Medicare B Rate and PE RVU Value or ask your therapy company to provide this for you.**

Once you have these rates entered, you have completed updating the MPPR rates. Please keep this email to reference when it is time to update these rates again.