

CY 2008 Final Rule  
(CMS 1385-FC)  
Direct Practice Expense Values Used To Create  
Resource-Based Practice Expense Relative Value Units

**Contents:**

This file contains resource inputs used in the calculation of practice expense relative values that appear in the November 1, 2007 Final Rule (CMS 1385-FC). There are 3 different types of practice inputs: clinical staff, medical supplies and medical equipment. The source of the resource inputs are from one of the following: (1) Clinical Practice Expert Panels (CPEPs) convened in 1995 to develop estimates of the different types of resource inputs necessary to perform medical services, (2) A crosswalk to a related service developed based upon a clinical opinion by CMS, (3) the AMA's Relative Value Update Committee (RUC) (4) refinement of the CPEP inputs by the AMA's Practice Expense Advisory committee (PEAC) or the Practice Expense Review Committee (which replaced the PEAC in September 2004) (5) CMS's clinical judgment or (6) A medical specialty society.

These files are the most current direct practice expense input files available. These files are subject to change based upon CMS and RUC analysis.

**File Organization:**

The files contain one separate and unique record for each procedure code, including the resource input type (clinical staff, medical equipment and medical supplies).

**Data Set Name:**

**FINAL DIRECT PRACTICE EXPENSE INPUTS** are located in three separate Microsoft excel worksheets.

The three separate worksheets contain direct inputs for:

- (1) CLINICAL LABOR;
- (2) MEDICAL SUPPLIES; and
- (3) MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

**Data Elements:**

The CLINICAL LABOR file clinical staff table contains the following data elements:

Data Element	Description
PROCCODE	The AMA CPT code.
SOURCE	Identifies the source of the resource inputs: the PEAC, RUC, a clinical judgment by CMS, a crosswalk by CMS or a medical specialty society.
CPEP	Identifies the number of the CPEP that valued the service. If the service has been refined, the source will indicate "PEAC" or "RUC" and the value for CPEP will indicate "RUC."
STAFF CODE	The code for type of clinical staff.
DESC	A description of the clinical staff type.
RATE	Rate per minute for the clinical staff type.

G0_I	Clinical staff time associated with pre-service period when the service is performed in a non-facility setting.
G1_I	Clinical staff time associated with the intra-service period when the service performed in a non-facility setting.
G1X_I	Clinical staff time associated with the post-service period when the service is performed in a non-facility setting.
G0_O	Clinical staff time associated with pre-service period when the service is performed in a facility setting.
G1_O	Clinical staff time associated with the intra-service period when the service performed in a facility setting.
G1X_O	Clinical staff time associated with the post-service period when the service is performed in a facility setting.
IN	Indicates whether the service was valued in non-facility settings.
OUT	Indicates whether the service was valued in facility settings.
SOURCECD	Identifies a source or reference code that was used to determine the resource inputs for crosswalked codes.
GLOB	The global period associated with the service.
PEAC_MTG	Identifies the PEAC meeting date when the code/service was refined.
PEAC_TAB	Identifies the associated Tab of the PEAC Agenda book when code/service was refined.

The EQUIPMENT file contains the following data elements:

Data Element	Description
SOURCE	Identifies the source of the resource inputs: the PEAC, RUC, a clinical judgment by CMS, a crosswalk by CMS or a medical specialty society.
CPEP	Identifies the number of the CPEP that valued the service. If the service has been refined, the source will indicate "PEAC" or "RUC" and the value for CPEP will indicate "RUC."
PROCCODE	The AMA CPT code.
CATEGORY	
Equip_Category_08	General description of equipment category.
Equip_Code_08	The equipment code identifying the type of equipment.
Description	General description of the equipment.
LIFE	Useful life of the equipment.
PRICE	Purchase price of the equipment.
EQTI	The time associated with use of the equipment in non-facility settings.
EQTO	The time associated with use of the equipment in facility settings.
Valued_NF	Indicates whether the service was valued in non-facility settings.
Valued_ FAC	Indicates whether the service was valued in facility settings.
SOURCECD	Identifies a source or reference code that was used to determine the resource inputs for crosswalked codes.
GLOB	The global period associated with the service.

PEAC_mtg	Identifies the PEAC meeting date when the code/service was refined.
PEAC_tab	Identifies the associated Tab of the PEAC Agenda book when code/service was refined.
2004_code	The old equipment code.

The medical supplies file contains the following data elements:

Data Element	Description
PROCCODE	The AMA CPT code.
SOURCE	Identifies the source of the resource inputs: the PEAC, RUC, a clinical judgment by CMS, a crosswalk by CMS or a medical specialty society.
CPEP	Identifies the number of the CPEP that valued the service. If the service has been refined, the source will indicate "PEAC" or "RUC" and the value for CPEP will indicate "RUC."
CATEGORY_08	General supply category.
Supply_Code_08	The supply code identifying the type of supply.
DESCRIPTION	Description of the supply.
QTY_08	Invoice quantity.
UNIT_08	Unit measure.
PRICE	Invoice price.
QTY_NF	Quantity used for the procedure in the non-facility setting.
QTY_FAC	Quantity used for the procedure in the facility setting.
in_cost	Cost of the item associated with the procedure in the nonfacility setting. This equals Invoice Quantity * Invoice Price / Invoice Quantity * Quantity-In.
out_cost	Cost of the item associated with the procedure in the facility setting. This equals Invoice Quantity * Invoice Price / Invoice Quantity * Quantity-Out.
GLOBAL	The global period associated with the service.
Post_Op_Visits	Post-Operative Visits. Used to determine the number of supply cost packages for each code. In the facility setting, the number of packages equals the number of post-op visits. In the non-facility setting, the number of packages equals the number of post-op visits plus 1.
Source_for_Xwalk	Identifies a source or reference code that was used to determine the resource inputs for crosswalked codes.
PEAC_mtg	Identifies the PEAC meeting date when the code/service was refined. Some also note, for new codes, the year added to CPT, such as "CPT08."
PEAC_tab	Identifies the associated Tab of the PEAC Agenda book when code/service was refined.

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