



Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database File Record Layout

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This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries and which Medicare pays based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB).

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

CR11191 explains the revised field descriptions for some of the fields on the MPFSDB file record layout. The function for those revised fields is unchanged. Also, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will no longer make annual revisions to the MPFSDB File Record Layout in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual for the sole purpose of changing the calendar year. CMS will only issue a revision when there is a change to a field. The table of contents for Chapter 23 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual will no longer list file layouts from the years of 2001 through 2018. Previous MPFSDB file layouts (for 2018 and prior) are available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/index.html>.

CR11191 provides these specific changes to the MPFSDB layout:

- Field 29A – “Purchased Diagnostic Test Indicator” is now named “Anti-markup Test Indicator.” Also, the description for indicator “1” in Field 29A has been renamed from “Purchased Diagnostic Test HCPCS” to “Anti-markup Test HCPCS.”
- Field 30 – “Effective Date” is now “Record Effective Date”
- Field 33C – “Purchased Diagnostic Locality” is now “Anti-markup Locality”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR11191, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4298CP.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

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