

Location of 2009 Medicare Relative Value Tables

As required by Minnesota Statutes, § 176.136, subd. 1a, paragraph (g), on Mon., July 26, 2010, the commissioner published in the *State Register* a Notice of Incorporation by Reference of the 2009 Relative Value Tables established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). These tables are effective for workers' compensation health care services provided on or after Oct. 2, 2010.

To access these tables, take the following steps.

Step 1

Open this link:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Relative-Value-Files-Items/CMS1223394.html>

Step 2

Click on the link to "RVU09C [Zip, 3.1 MB]" (under "Downloads").

Step 3

Read the "End User Point and Click Agreement" related to License for Use of the AMA Current Procedure Terminology, Fourth Edition ("CPT®"). The CMS website and American Medical Association require that you choose "Accept" if you wish to continue. If you have any questions about choosing "Accept," contact the American Medical Association.

Step 4

Open the RVU09C WinZip file.

Step 5

- Open the GPCI09.xls file to obtain the 2009 geographic practice cost indices for Minnesota; and
- open the PRRVU09.xls file to obtain the 2009 relative value units (revised May 21, 2010).

Example calculations

The formula for calculating the total RVU using the Medicare Relative Value Tables.

1. For services provided in an office setting – example CPT code 99213

Work RVU = .92 x Work GPCI 1.0 = .92 (column F)

Trans Non Fac RVU = .75 x PE GPCI .983 = .73725 (column G)

MP RVU .03 x MP GPCI .245 = .00735 (column O)

.92 + .73725 + .00735 = 1.6646 Total RVU x CF \$67.23

Total RVU 1.6646 x CF \$67.23 = 111.91105

Maximum payable is **\$111.91**

2. For services provided in a facility setting – example CPT code 22800

Work RVU 19.30 x work GPCI 1.0 = 19.30 (column F)

Trans Facility RVU 11.92 x PE GPCI .983 = 11.71736 (column K)

MP RVU 3.76 x MP GPCI .245 = .9212 (column O)

19.3 + 11.71736 + .9212 = Total RVU 31.93856

Total RVU 31.93856 x CF \$67.23 = 2,147.2293

Maximum payable = **\$2,147.23**