

Location of 2013 Medicare Relative Value Tables

As required by Minnesota Statutes § 176.136, subd. 1a, paragraph (g), on Monday, July 29, 2013, the commissioner will publish in the *State Register* a Notice of Incorporation by Reference of the 2013 Relative Value Tables dated April 16, 2013, established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). These tables are effective for workers' compensation medical services provided on or after Oct. 1, 2013.

To access these tables, take the following steps.

Step 1: Open this link:

www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Relative-Value-Files-Items/RVU13B.html.

Step 2: Click on the link to "RVU13B [Zip, 3MB]" under "Downloads."

Step 3: Open the RVU13B WinZip file.

Step 4:

- Open any of the three GPCI2013 files (.csv, .txt or .xlsx) to obtain the 2013 geographic practice cost indices for Minnesota; and
- open any of the three PPRRVU13.V0215_04162013 files (.csv, .txt or .xlsx) to obtain the 2013 relative value units and associated indicators (dated April 16, 2013).

Example calculations

The following are examples of calculating the Minnesota workers' compensation maximum fee using the Medicare Relative Value Tables indicated above.

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

GPCI adjustment of component RVUs

Work RVU: .97 (work RVU, col. F) x 1.0 (work GPCI) = .970

Practice expense RVU: 1.10 (nonfacility PE RVU, col. G) x 1.012 (PE GPCI) = 1.113

Malpractice expense RVU: .07 (MP RVU, col. K) x .282 (MP GPCI) = .020

Total GPCI-adjusted RVU: .970 + 1.113 + .020 = 2.103

Maximum fee = 2.103 x \$64.69 (CF) = \$136.04

2. For services provided in a facility setting – example CPT code 12002 –

GPCI adjustment of component RVUs

Work RVU: 1.14 (work RVU, col. F) x 1.0 (work GPCI) = 1.140

Practice expense RVU: .42 (facility PE RVU, col. I) x 1.012 (PE GPCI) = .425

Malpractice expense RVU: .19 (MP RVU, col. K) x .282 (MP GPCI) = .054

Total GPCI-adjusted RVU: 1.140 + .425 + .054 = 1.619

Maximum fee = 1.619 x \$64.69 (CF) = \$104.71