

2010 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule^{1,2}



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Cardiac Rhythm Management Reimbursement Update

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On May 1, 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the FY 2010 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) proposed rule. Changes affecting Cardiac Rhythm Management (CRM) and Electrophysiology (EP) therapies are detailed below. The final rule will be released around August 2009.

IPPS Highlights

There were no major policy or payment changes in this proposed rule. Below is a summary of the proposed changes.

CRM

The weighted financial impact for CRM devices is relatively flat.

- ICD and CRT-D system implant payment rates **remain flat** from last year
- Pacemaker and CRT-P system implant payment rates will **decrease** by 1.2%.
- Overall ICD and CRT-D replacements will **increase** by 2.6%.
- Pacemaker and CRT-P system replacements will **increase** by 0.7%.
- No adjustment will be implemented for charge compression in FY 2010, but a long-term adjustment, effective by 2012–13 is expected to improve rates for ICDs and CRT-Ds.

Electrophysiology

Overall, payment rates for most cardiac ablation cases will decrease by a weighted average of 0.2%.

2009 DRGs	Procedure	2010 Proposed	2009 Final Payment	% Change	Weighted Avg Rate Change*
ICD and CRT-D System Implants					
222	ICD w card cath w AMI/HF/shock w MCC	\$47,242	\$48,011	-1.60%	
223	ICD w card cath w AMI/HF/shock w/o MCC	\$34,781	\$34,906	-0.36%	
224	ICD w card cath w/o AMI/HF/shock w MCC	\$42,115	\$44,155	-4.62%	
225	ICD w card cath w/o AMI/HF/shock w/o MCC	\$32,594	\$32,764	-0.52%	
226	ICD w/o card cath w MCC	\$36,559	\$37,267	-1.90%	
227	ICD w/o card cath w/o MCC	\$28,211	\$27,741	1.69%	
Weighted Average ICD and CRT-D % Change		\$32,090	\$32,089		0.0%
ICD Replacements					
245	AICD generator procedures	\$22,687	\$22,123	2.55%	
265	ICD lead procedures	\$12,583	\$12,268	2.57%	
Weighted Average ICD Replacements % Change		\$19,287	\$18,806		2.6%
Pacemaker System Implants					
242	PM System w MCC	\$19,949	\$20,561	-2.97%	
243	PM System w CC	\$14,303	\$14,374	-0.50%	
244	PM system w/o CC w/o MCC	\$11,083	\$11,138	-0.49%	
Weighted Average Pacemaker % Change		\$13,878	\$14,044		-1.2%
Pacemaker Revisions and PG Replacements					
258	PM Replacement w MCC	\$15,594	\$15,728	-0.85%	
259	PM Replacement w/o MCC	\$9,560	\$9,383	1.89%	
260	PM Revision w MCC	\$18,163	\$18,935	-4.08%	
261	PM Revision w CC	\$8,177	\$7,985	2.41%	
262	PM Revision w/o CC w/o MCC	\$5,856	\$5,637	3.88%	
Weighted Average Pacemaker Rev/Repl % Change		\$9,832	\$9,767		0.7%
250	Perc cardiovasc proc w/o coronary artery stent w MCC	\$15,296	\$16,611	-7.91%	
251	Perc cardiovasc proc w/o coronary artery stent w/o MCC	\$9,161	\$8,905	2.87%	
Weighted Average Ablation/EP Study % Change		\$10,242	\$10,262		-0.2%

*Base payment. Final rates may vary due to geographic wage differences.

Additional Information

[Read Medicare's press release](#)

[Read the full 2010 IPPS proposed rule](#)

For questions related to the reimbursement of CRM and EP products, call 1.800.CARDIAC (227.3422) and ask for the Reimbursement Customer Support Line.

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