



CY 2021 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment (OPP) Systems Proposed Rule

On August 4, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released two proposed policy and payment regulations for CY 2021. The CY 2021 OPP rule proposes a conversion factor of \$83.697 for hospitals meeting facility quality reporting requirements. Many provisions in the proposed rule take steps that would allow hospitals to operate with better flexibility and patients to have what they need to make informed decisions on where they receive care.

CMS proposes to expand the number of procedures that Medicare would pay for in the hospital outpatient setting by eliminating the “Inpatient-Only list,” which includes procedures for which Medicare will only make payment when performed in the hospital inpatient setting. This proposed change would remove regulatory barriers to give beneficiaries the choice in site of service, when their clinician decides such a setting is appropriate. CMS would phase-in this proposal over three years and would gradually allow over 1,700 additional services to be paid when furnished in the hospital outpatient setting.

Comments may be submitted until October 5, 2020. The proposed rule can be downloaded from the Federal Register [here](#). We expect the final rule to be issued around November 2020. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

Comparison of CY2020 Final - CY2021 Proposed HOPPS (APC) Rates for Echocardiography

CPT1/ HCPCS	Descriptor	Final 2020 APC Rate	Proposed 2021 APC Rate	Diff \$	Diff %	Final 2019 APC	Proposed 2020 APC	Final 2020 APC Descriptor
Transthoracic Echocardiography								
93303	Echo transthoracic	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
93304	Echo transthoracic	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
93306	TTE w/doppler complete	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
93307	TTE w/o doppler complete	\$ 233.01	\$ 235.05	\$ 2.04	1%	5523	5523	Level 3 Imaging without Contrast
93308	TTE f-up or Intd	\$ 233.01	\$ 235.05	\$ 2.04	1%	5523	5523	Level 3 Imaging without Contrast
Transesophageal Echocardiography								
93312	Echo transesophageal	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
93313	Echo transesophageal	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
93315	Echo transesophageal	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
93316	Echo transesophageal	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
93318	Echo transesophageal intraop	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
Add-on Codes								
93320	Doppler echo exam heart	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
93321	Doppler echo exam heart	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
93325	Doppler color flow add-on	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
93356	Myocard strain img speckl track	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stress Transthoracic Echocardiography								
93350	Stress tte only	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
93351	Stress tte complete	\$ 481.53	\$ 490.52	\$ 8.99	2%	5524	5524	Level 4 Imaging without Contrast
93352	Admin ecg contrast agent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
93355	Echo transesophageal (TEE)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contrast APCs								
C8921	TTE w or w/o fol w/cont, com	\$ 680.74	\$ 722.74	\$ 42.00	6%	5573	5573	Level 3 Imaging with Contrast
C8922	TTE w or w/o fol w/cont, f/u	\$ 680.74	\$ 722.74	\$ 42.00	6%	5573	5573	Level 3 Imaging with Contrast
C8923	2D TTE w or w/o fol w/con,co	\$ 680.74	\$ 722.74	\$ 42.00	6%	5573	5573	Level 3 Imaging with Contrast
C8924	2D TTE w or w/o fol w/con, fu	\$ 381.81	\$ 375.33	\$ (6.48)	-2%	5572	5572	Level 2 Imaging with Contrast
C8925	2D TEE w or w/o fol w/con, in	\$ 680.74	\$ 722.74	\$ 42.00	6%	5573	5573	Level 3 Imaging with Contrast
C8926	TEE w or w/o fol w/cont, cong	\$ 680.74	\$ 722.74	\$ 42.00	6%	5573	5573	Level 3 Imaging with Contrast
C8927	TEE w or w/o fol w/cont, mon*	\$ 680.74	\$ 722.74	\$ 42.00	6%	5573	5573	Level 3 Imaging with Contrast
C8928	TTE w or w/o fol w/con, stres	\$ 680.74	\$ 722.74	\$ 42.00	6%	5573	5573	Level 3 Imaging with Contrast
C8929	TTE w or wo fol wcon, Doppler	\$ 680.74	\$ 722.74	\$ 42.00	6%	5573	5573	Level 3 Imaging with Contrast
C8930	TTE w or w/o contr, cont ECG	\$ 680.74	\$ 722.74	\$ 42.00	6%	5573	5573	Level 3 Imaging with Contrast

Source - CMS CY2021 Final HOPP Rule - <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalOutpatientPPS/Hospital-Outpatient-Regulations-and-Notices-Items/CMS-1695-FC.html#DLEntries=10&DLSort=2&DLSortDir=descending>

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