

**CY 2011 Final Rule**  
**Physician Fee Schedule**  
(CMS 1503-FC)  
Direct Practice Expense Inputs Used To Create  
Resource-Based Practice Expense Relative Value Units

This document contains descriptions of the various inputs used in the calculation of the practice expense relative value units that appear in the Final Rule (CMS 1503-FC) for CY 2011. There are three different types of direct practice expense inputs: clinical labor, disposable medical supplies, and medical equipment valued at \$500 or more.

The sources of these direct practice expense inputs are from one of the following:

1. Clinical Practice Expert Panels (CPEPs) convened in 1995 to develop estimates of the different types of resource inputs necessary to perform medical services;
2. A crosswalk to a related service developed based upon a clinical opinion by CMS;
3. The AMA's Relative Value Update Committee (RUC);
4. Refinement of the CPEP inputs by the AMA's Practice Expense Advisory Committee (PEAC) or the Practice Expense Review Committee (PERC) (which replaced the PEAC in September 2004) or the RUC Practice Expense Subcommittee (which took over the PERC's role in September 2007);
5. CMS; or
6. A medical specialty society.

## **DATA FILES**

The four direct practice expense data files are the most current files available and are subject to change based upon CMS and RUC analysis.

The data files contain one separate and unique record for each procedure code, including the resource input type (clinical labor, medical supplies, and medical equipment).

Three of the files contain the direct practice expense inputs for:

1. *Clinical Labor*;
2. *Medical Supplies*; and
3. *Medical Equipment*.

The fourth file contains the *Summary DPEI Output Table* containing summary cost information from each direct input data file for every CPT or alpha-numeric HCPCS code for the non-facility and facility setting, as appropriate.

**Notes:**

**Data elements in all four tables have been renamed for CY 2011 in order to simply and better reflect their description:**

- **Where applicable, the previous CY 2010 data element name is listed for reference purpose and to assist users in transitioning to the new names.**
- **The *Summary DPEI Output Table* now includes rows that reflect the direct PE allocations for individual CPT or alpha-numeric HCPCS codes when billed with modifiers TC, 26, or 53.**

**For CY 2011, there are four versions of each set of files:**

- **Those files with the suffix “75” are the inputs used in developing the practice expense RVUs for services impacted by the equipment utilization assumptions specified in the ACA and described in section II.a.3.A of the PFS Final Rule (CMS 1503-FC) for CY 2011.**
- **The files with the suffix “70” are the inputs used in developing the practice expense RVUs for services not impacted by the equipment utilization assumptions specified in the ACA and described in section II.a.3.A of the PFS Final Rule (CMS 1503-FC) for CY 2011.**
- **There are 508 compliant versions of each of the eight files described above.**

## DATA ELEMENTS

The following tables provide data definitions for the various data elements included in each of the four direct practice expense input tables.

1) The *Clinical Labor* file contains the following data elements:

<b>PFS CY 2011 Data Elements</b>	<b>PFS CY 2010 Data Elements</b>	<b>Description</b>
HCPCS	PROCCODE	The CPT or alpha-numeric HCPCS number for the service.
Source	SOURCE	Identifies the source of the resource inputs: the PEAC, RUC, CMS, a crosswalk by CMS, or a medical specialty society.
Labor Code	STAFF CODE	The code for the type of clinical labor.
Description	DESC	Specific description of the type of clinical labor.
Rate per Minute	RATE	Rate per minute for the type of clinical labor.
NF Pre Svc	G0_I	Clinical labor time associated with pre-service period when the service is performed in a non-facility setting.
NF Svc	G1_I	Clinical labor time associated with the service period when the service performed in a non-facility setting.
NF Post Svc	G1X_I	Clinical labor time associated with the post-service period when the service is performed in a non-facility setting.
F Pre Svc	G0_O	Clinical labor time associated with pre-service period when the service is performed in a facility setting.
F Svc	G1_O	Clinical labor time associated with the service period when the service performed in a facility setting.
F Post Svc	G1X_O	Clinical labor time associated with the post-service period when the service is performed in a facility setting.
Global	GLOB	The global period associated with the service.
Reference Code	SOURCECD	Identifies a reference code used to crosswalk practice expense inputs for the service.
RUC Meeting	PEAC_MTG	Identifies the RUC meeting date or RUC Recommendation year when the code/service was refined.
RUC Tab	PEAC_TAB	Identifies the associated tab of the RUC Recommendation book when code/service was refined.

2) The *Medical Supplies* file contains the following data elements:

<b>PFS CY 2011 Data Elements</b>	<b>PFS CY 2010 Data Elements</b>	<b>Description</b>
HCPCS	PROCCODE	The CPT or alpha-numeric HCPCS number for the service..
Source	SOURCE	Identifies the source of the resource inputs: the PEAC, RUC, CMS, a crosswalk by CMS, or a medical specialty society.
Category	CATEGORY_10	General description of the medical supply category.
CMS Code	Supply_Code_10	The CMS code identifying the specific type of medical supply.
Description	DESCRIPTION	Specific description of the medical supply.
Unit	UNIT_10	Unit of measure for the medical supply.
Price	PRICE	Invoice or other validated price.
NF Quantity	QTY_NF	Quantity of the medical supply used for the service in the non-facility setting.
F Quantity	QTY_FAC	Quantity of the medical supply used for the service in the facility setting.
Global	GLOBAL	The global period associated with the service.
Reference Code	Source_for_Xwalk	Identifies a reference code used to crosswalk practice expense inputs for the service.
RUC Meeting	PEAC_mtg	Identifies the RUC meeting date or RUC Recommendation year when the code/service was refined.
RUC Tab	PEAC_tab	Identifies the associated tab of the RUC Recommendation book when code/service was refined.

3) The *Medical Equipment* file contains the following data elements:

<b>PFS CY 2011 Data Elements</b>	<b>PFS CY 2010 Data Elements</b>	<b>Description</b>
HCPCS	PROCCODE	The CPT or alpha-numeric HCPCS number for the service..
Source	SOURCE	Identifies the source of the resource inputs: the PEAC, RUC, CMS, a crosswalk by CMS, or a medical specialty society.
Category	Equip_Category_10	General description of the medical equipment category.
CMS Code	Equip_Code_10	The CMS code identifying the specific type of medical equipment.
Description	Description	Specific description of the medical equipment.
Useful Life	LIFE	Useful life of the medical equipment.
Price	PRICE	Invoice or other validated price.

NF Time	EQTI	The time associated with use of the medical equipment in the non-facility setting.
F Time	EQTO	The time associated with use of the medical equipment in the facility setting.
Global	GLOB	The global period associated with the service.
Reference Code	SOURCECD	Identifies a reference code used to crosswalk practice expense inputs for the service.
RUC Meeting	PEAC_mtg	Identifies the RUC meeting date or RUC Recommendation year when the code/service was refined.
RUC Tab	PEAC_tab	Identifies the associated tab of the RUC Recommendation book when code/service was refined.

4) The *Summary DPEI Output Table* file contains the following data elements:

<b>PFS CY 2011 Data Elements</b>	<b>PFS CY 2010 Data Elements</b>	<b>Description</b>
HCPCS	PROCCODE	The CPT or alpha-numeric HCPCS number for the service..
Modifier	N/A	TC, 26, or 53 modifier associated with the service.
HCPCSMOD	N/A	Combination of the HCPCS and Modifier.
Need PE	N/A	Indicates whether the service requires a practice expense RVU.
Need NF PE	N/A	Indicates whether the service requires a practice expense RVU in the non-facility setting.
Need F PE	N/A	Indicates whether the service requires a practice expense RVU in the facility setting.
NAFLGNFC	NAFLGNFC	Indicates whether valuing the service is not applicable in non-facility setting.
NAFLGFC	NAFLGFC	Indicates whether valuing the service is not applicable in facility setting.
NF Pre Svc Cost	G0_I	The total cost of the clinical labor time associated with pre-service period when the service is performed in a non-facility setting.
NF Svc Cost	G1_I	The total cost of the clinical labor time associated with the service period when the service performed in a non-facility setting.
NF Post Svc Cost	G1X_I	The total cost of the clinical labor time associated with the post-service period when the service is performed in a non-facility setting.
F Pre Svc Cost	G0_O	The total cost of the clinical labor time associated with pre-service period when the service is performed in a facility setting.

F Svc Cost	G1_O	The total cost of the clinical labor time associated with the service period when the service performed in a facility setting.
F Post Svc Cost	G1X_O	The total cost of the clinical labor time associated with the post-service period when the service is performed in a facility setting.
NF Supply Cost	IN_COST	The total cost of the medical supplies associated with the service when performed in the non-facility setting.
F Supply Cost	OUT_COST	The total cost of the medical associated with the service when performed in the facility setting.
NF Equipment Cost	PXEQ_I	The total cost of the medical equipment associated with the service when performed in the non-facility setting.
F Equipment Cost	PXEQ_O	The total cost of the medical equipment associated with the service when performed in the facility setting.

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