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FEE UPDATES

Effective September 25, 2025, Hospital Discharge Fees 03.02A and 03.04F have been updated:

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
ADON	03.02A	Hospital Discharge	10 MSU
		<p>This fee may be claimed by the physician, either a general practitioner or a specialist when a patient is admitted for non-surgical hospitalization, who performs the activities involved in discharging a hospital inpatient. These activities include, as necessary, the completion of the patients chart, discharge summary, writing prescriptions for the patient, providing discharge instructions to the patient and arranging for follow-up care for the patient.</p> <p>This fee is not payable where major surgery, minor surgery, major fracture and/or minor fracture care is provided in a hospital setting unless a patient is transferred to a general practitioner or internal medicine specialist* for follow-up care after surgery/fracture care. In this case, the general practitioner or internal medicine specialist* may claim the discharge fee if the general practitioner or internal medicine specialist* performs the discharge duties. This fee cannot be claimed by the operation surgeon in association with any surgical code being billed.</p> <p>A hospital visit fee may be claimed in addition to the discharge fee where a hospital visit is provided on the same day. (5.1.216)</p> <p>Specialty Restriction (for post-surgical transfers only): SP=GENP, SP=INMD, SP=NEUR, SP=PHMD *General internal medicine, neurology, physical medicine.</p> <p>Location: LO=HOSP, FN=INPT</p>	

FEE UPDATES (CONTINUED)

Category	Code	Description	Base Units
VIST	03.04F	<p>Complex Comprehensive Acute Care Hospital Discharge</p> <p>This fee may be claimed by the most responsible physician (MRP) only (the general practitioner or internal medicine specialist* in charge of the patients care for any given day and only once per hospital inpatient hospital admission. It is intended to be used when the services provided on the day of discharge require greater than 30 minutes of the physician's time. This HSC includes all services provided to the patient on the day of discharge from the acute care hospital. These services include the discharge day examination of the patient, the completion of the patients chart, discharge summary, writing any prescriptions required for the patient, providing discharge instructions to the patient (or caregivers) and arranging for follow-up care for the patient. Every effort is made by the discharge physician to communicate with the community physician who will be most responsible for the patients care after discharge.</p> <p>If the situation arises where the complex comprehensive discharge process occurs over 2 days, the code must be reported on the date of discharge, the cumulative time spent must be greater than 30 minutes, the code may only be claimed once by the MRP and may not be unbundled to accommodate splitting the workload.</p> <p>A hospital visit is considered an integral part of this service and is not reportable in addition. The physician claiming this health service code may not report any other visit service for the same patient, same day. In addition, 03.02A may not be claimed as this service is included in the 03.04F. Do not count time for services provided after the patient physically leaves the hospital.</p> <p>This fee is not payable where major surgery, minor surgery, major fracture and/or minor fracture care is provided in a hospital setting unless a patient is transferred to a general practitioner or internal medicine specialist for follow-up care after surgery/fracture care. In this case, the general practitioner or internal medicine specialist may claim the complex discharge fee if the general practitioner or internal medicine specialist performs the discharge duties. This fee cannot be claimed by the operation surgeon in association with any surgical code being billed.</p> <p>Specialty Restriction: SP=GENP, SP=INMD, SP=NEUR, SP=PHMD *General internal medicine, neurology, physical medicine.</p> <p>Location: LO=HOSP, FN=INPT</p>	45 MSU



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