

# How to Use APTA's Outpatient Therapy Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Calculator



APTA's Outpatient Therapy Medicare Physician Fee Schedule calculator helps you determine your payment for services under Medicare. This step-by-step guide shows you how to use it. This calculator works best on a PC. On a Mac or iPad it may not function properly.

## Step 1

On the [Outpatient Therapy Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Calculator webpage](#) click on "Download the 2023 Calculator." When it opens, click Enable Editing at the top of the spreadsheet.

## Step 2

At Line 19, "Select your Medicare payment locality," use the drop-down menu in Column G through J to choose your location.

## Step 3

At Line 22, "Medicare Participation Status," use the drop-down menu in Column G through J to choose between:

- Participating in Medicare;
- Non-participating but accepting assignment; or
- Non-participating and not accepting assignment.

## Step 4

At Line 23, "Provider-specific MIPS adjustment factor," enter your adjustment for the payment year. If no payment adjustment is applicable, leave it at 0.0%.

## Step 5

At Line 35, where the gray box begins, delete the sample codes in the first four lines.

## Step 6

Beginning with Line 35, now enter the CPT code in Column A and the appropriate number of units in Column C. You should also indicate whether or not the PTA differential applies in column B. For example:

Code, including modifier if any (e.g., 94621 or 94621TC or 9462126)	PTA Differential (Yes = Y / No = blank)	Units
97110		1
97112	Y	1
97530	Y	1
97140		1

## Step 7

If there is more than one CPT code, enter the second code and appropriate number of units on the next line, and so forth.

### Determining the Medicare Payment Amount

Each row that contains a code and unit(s) will have values that pop up reflecting:

- a. No sequestration, no MPPR,
- b. No sequestration, with MPPR,
- c. **With sequestration, with MPPR,**
- d. With sequestration, no MPPR,

These values can be compared with the previous year's Medicare payment rates, both individually and in aggregate.

Typically, the total payment you can expect to receive for the selected codes and units, when taking into account sequestration, MPPR, and the MIPS adjustment, can be found on Line 15, Column K (**red font**). However, due to the extended moratorium on sequestration through Dec. 31, 2021, for dates of service Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 the total payment amount you can expect to receive for the selected codes and units is on Line 15, Column I (**gray font**).

Following is a more in-depth explanation of Lines 15 and 16, Columns L-O.

#### Line 15, Column L

This is the Medicare payment for the codes and units entered in the gray box with MPPR and sequestration applied.

#### Line 16, Column L

This is the Medicare payment for the codes and units entered in the gray box with sequestration but without MPPR.

#### Line 15, Column N

This is the Medicare payment *would have been in 2022* for the codes and units entered in the gray box with sequestration and MPPR.

#### Line 16, Column O

This reflects the percentage difference between the 2021 and 2020 Medicare payment amounts.

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