

Medica Fee Schedule Update and Release Policy

This Medica fee schedule update and release policy applies to Medica network providers. It does *not apply* to pharmacies. This policy also does *not* apply to coverage or reimbursement policies as described in the Administrative Requirements section of Medica provider contracts (changes to which are communicated in the *Medica Connections* provider newsletter and/or Provider Alerts, which are [available at medica.com](https://www.medica.com)).

This policy is applicable to the Medica payment update process for rate assignment on procedures/services included within participating provider-contracted fee schedules and provides general information regarding the Medica process for updating its provider fee schedules for the following areas:

- Reimbursement for new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes
- Reimbursement for codes without an assigned fee maximum
- Reimbursement adjustments for defined CPT/HCPCS modifiers
- The Medica approach on frequencies in which refreshed/newer rate sourcing information is applied during a provider's contract period. Medica relies on the following rate sourcing information:
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
 - Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)
 - Community rate-sourcing information

The Medica provider contract language is intended as the primary source of reimbursement terms and dictates overall reimbursement methodology. Below are Medica policies as they relate to Medica fee schedule updates and release:

- Generally, Medica reviews current rates within Medica Fee Schedules (Relative Value Unit and Non-Relative Value Unit) against rate resources mentioned above on an annual basis
- Medica Fee Schedule rates are adjusted as determined by Medica when new CPT/HCPCS codes are added, expired CPT/HCPCS codes are removed and/or modifiers are updated
- Notification to the network is provided via *Medica Connections* in accordance with providers contract language
- There are various ways clinic providers may access fee information:
 - Direct Access: [Fee Schedule Look-up Tool](#) and [Fee Schedule Download](#)
 - Request to Medica contract manager
- The effect on reimbursement due to fee schedule updates will vary by provider type and the mix of products or services provided
- Refer to the following resources for a listing of Medica CPT/HCPCS modifier adjustment

percentages and professional/technical splits:

- [Medica Reimbursement Policy Modifier Reference Guide](#)
- [Medica Professional and Technical Components Policy](#)

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