

CMS Proposed Rule:

2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

ASAM Summary of Major Provisions

On November 1, 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the [Final Rule](#) that makes revisions to the CY 2020 payment policies under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) and other policy changes, including those required to implement certain provisions of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (the SUPPORT Act) related to Medicare Part B payment.

CMS has also published a [fact sheet](#) on the PFS Final Rule for 2020.

Three sections of the Final Rule are particularly relevant to ASAM members and are summarized below:

- Section II.G.: Medicare Coverage for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Services Furnished by Opioid Treatment Programs
 - [Full Summary with Code Chart](#)
- Section II.H.: Bundled Payments Under the PFS for Substance Use Disorders
 - [Full Summary with Code Chart](#)
- Section III.H.: Medicare Enrollment of Opioid Treatment Programs and Enhancements to Existing General Enrollment Policies Related to Improper Prescribing and Patient Harm
 - [Full Summary](#)
 - [CMS Enrollment Fact Sheet](#)
 - [OTP Medicare Billing and Payment Fact Sheet](#)
 - [CMS OTP Enrollment Presentation](#)

In addition, the Final Rule aligns Medicare E/M coding with changes adopted by the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel for new and existing patient office E/M visits. A summary of those changes can be found [here](#). The AMA built an educational website dedicated solely to the E/M changes, available [here](#), which will be updated during the year. CMS also adopted the AMA Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC) recommended values for the office E/M visit codes for CY 2021 and the new add-on CPT code for prolonged service time. The AMA RUC-recommended values are anticipated to increase payment for office E/M visits.