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2010 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule — Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiac CT Procedures

This table summarizes the payment policies for CPT codes related to nuclear cardiology as outlined in the 2010 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) final rule released on October 30, 2009 updated with 5/7/10 corrected file. Corrected CMS rates are retroactive for claims with dates of service (DOS) after January 1, 2010. Additionally, on June 25th congress passed the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010 which included a 2.2 percent update to the MPFS for claims submitted between June 1 and November 30, 2010.

Three sets of rates are listed for each CPT code:

- 1) 2009 rates (Conversion Factor = \$36.0666)
- 2) 2010 rates as published in the MPFS released January 1, 2010
- 3) 2010 rates as published in the 5.7.10 technical correction issued by CMS and followed by legislation including a 2.2 percent update, CF \$36.8729 to the MPFS: http://federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFData/2010-10814_PI.pdf. **These rates are effective June 1 through November 31, 2010.**

2010 CPT	Short Description	Crosswalk 2009 Code Description	Year (Conversion Factor)	Professional	Technical	Global
Myocardial Perfusion Imaging						
78451	MPI image spect, sing, w/ WM and EF	78464 & 78478 & 78480	2009 (\$36.0666)	\$103.51	\$280.24	\$383.75
			Previous 2010 rate	\$67.12	\$155.52	\$222.64
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$67.85	\$252.21 Corrected	\$320.06 Corrected
78452	MPI image spect, mult, w/ WM and EF	78465 & 78478 & 78480	2009 (\$36.0666)	\$124.07	\$470.31	\$594.38
			Previous 2010 rate	\$79.39	\$300.58	\$379.97
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$80.385	\$369.10 Corrected	\$449.48 Corrected
78453	Ht muscle image, planar, sing	78460	2009 (\$36.0666)	\$44.36	\$141.74	\$186.10
			Previous 2010 rate	\$48.71	\$145.06	\$193.77
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$49.78	\$226.03 Corrected	\$275.81 Corrected
78454	MPI image, planar, mult	78461	2009 (\$36.0666)	\$63.48	\$147.15	\$210.63
			Previous 2010 rate	\$64.59	\$121.97	\$186.56
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$65.63	\$325.59 Corrected	\$391.22 Corrected
PET		Crosswalk Code	Year (Conversion Factor)	Professional	Technical	Global
78491	Heart image (pet), single	n/a	2009 (\$36.0666)	\$80.43	\$1,157.02 HOPPS CAP	\$1,237.45
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$80.75	\$1,429.36 HOPPS	\$1,510.11 HOPPS

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78492	Heart image (pet), multiple	n/a	2009 (\$36.0666)	\$101.35	\$1,157.02 HOPPS CAP	\$1,258.37
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$101.77	\$1,429.36 HOPPS	\$1,531.13 HOPPS
78459	Heart muscle imaging (PET)	n/a	2009 (\$36.0666)	\$79.35	\$1,157.02 HOPPS CAP	\$1,236.37
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$79.65	\$1,429.36 HOPPS	\$1,509.01 HOPPS
Cardiac CT						
	Crosswalk Code	Year (Conversion Factor)	Professional	Technical	Global	
75571	CT hrt w/o dye w/ca test	Replaces 0144T Do not bill with 75572-4.	2009 (\$36.0666)	Carrier priced	\$104.95 HOPPS CAP	Carrier priced
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$28.39	\$64.16 (MPFS corrected) \$45.00 (HOPPS)	\$92.55 (MPFS corrected) \$73.39 (HOPPS)
75572	Ct hrt w/3d image	Potential crosswalk codes Replaces 0145T (e.g., Pre Electrophysiology [EP], Pre Atrial Fibulation [A-Fib] Studies)	2009 (\$36.0666)	Carrier priced	\$282.76 HOPPS CAP	Carrier priced
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$86.65	\$224.19 (MPFS corrected) \$268.49 (HOPPS CAP N/A)	\$310.84 (MPFS corrected) (HOPPS CAP N/A)
75573	Ct hrt w/3d image	Potential crosswalk codes Replaces 0150T	2009 (\$36.0666)	Carrier priced	\$282.76 HOPPS CAP	Carrier priced
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$124.63	\$325.22 (MPFS corrected) \$268.49 (HOPPS CAP N/A)	\$449.85 (MPFS corrected) (HOPPS CAP N/A)
75574	Ct angio hrt w/3d image	Potential crosswalk codes Replaces 0146T-0149T	2009 (\$36.0666)	Carrier priced	\$282.76 HOPPS CAP	Carrier priced
			2010 (\$36.8729)	\$118.73	\$575.19 (MPFS corrected) \$268.49 (HOPPS)	\$694.32 (MPFS corrected) \$387.22 (HOPPS)
Stress Test						
	Crosswalk Code	Year (Conversion Factor)	Professional	Technical	Global	
93015	Stress test; with physician supervision, with interpretation and report	n/a	2009 (\$36.0666)	n/a	n/a	\$100.27
			2010 (\$28.3868)	n/a	n/a	\$72.67
			2010 (\$36.8729)	n/a	n/a	\$94.39

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93016	Stress test; physician supervision only, without interpretation and report	n/a	2009 (\$36.0666)	n/a	n/a	\$24.53
			2010 (\$28.3868)	n/a	n/a	\$18.74
			2010 (\$36.8729)	n/a	n/a	\$24.34
93017	Stress test; tracing only, without interpretation and report	n/a	2009 (\$36.0666)	n/a	n/a	\$59.51
			2010 (\$28.3868)	n/a	n/a	\$41.44
			2010 (\$36.8729)	n/a	n/a	\$53.83
93018	Stress test; interpretation and report only	n/a	2009 (\$36.0666)	n/a	n/a	\$16.23
			2010 (\$28.3868)	n/a	n/a	\$12.49
			2010 (\$36.8729)	n/a	n/a	\$16.22

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