

2018 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule -Final Relative Value Units and Payment Rates for Nuclear Cardiology Procedures



RVUs and Allowables 3Q 2017 Compared to CY 2018 Final Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Nuclear Cardiology Procedures, Radiopharmaceuticals and Drugs

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| CPT Code | Short Description | 3Q 2017 Work RVU | 3Q 2017 PE RVU | 3Q 2017 Malpractice RVU | 3Q 2017 Total RVU | 3Q 2017 Payment Rate | 2018 Final Work RVU | 2018 Final PE RVU | 2018 Final Malpractice RVU | Conversion Factors | | Difference in Total RVU |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | \$35.8887 | \$35.9996 | |
| Myocardial Perfusion Imaging | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0482T | Absolute quant. myocardial blood flo | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced |
| 78451-G | SPECT MPI, single | 1.38 | 8.44 | 0.10 | 9.92 | \$356.02 | 1.38 | 8.50 | 0.10 | 9.98 | \$359.28 | 0.60% |
| 78451-TC | SPECT MPI, single | 0 | 7.97 | 0.04 | 8.01 | \$287.47 | 0.00 | 8.03 | 0.04 | 8.07 | \$290.52 | 0.75% |
| 78451-26 | SPECT MPI, single | 1.38 | 0.47 | 0.06 | 1.91 | \$68.55 | 1.38 | 0.47 | 0.06 | 1.91 | \$68.76 | 0.00% |
| 78452-G | SPECT MPI, multiple | 1.62 | 12.04 | 0.12 | 13.78 | \$494.55 | 1.62 | 12.15 | 0.13 | 13.90 | \$500.39 | 0.87% |
| 78452-TC | SPECT MPI, multiple | 0 | 11.48 | 0.06 | 11.54 | \$414.16 | 0.00 | 11.59 | 0.06 | 11.65 | \$419.40 | 0.95% |
| 78452-26 | SPECT MPI, multiple | 1.62 | 0.56 | 0.06 | 2.24 | \$80.39 | 1.62 | 0.56 | 0.07 | 2.25 | \$81.00 | 0.45% |
| 78453-G | Planar MPI, single | 1.00 | 7.78 | 0.09 | 8.87 | \$318.33 | 1.00 | 7.82 | 0.09 | 8.91 | \$320.76 | 0.45% |
| 78453-TC | Planar MPI, single | 0 | 7.42 | 0.04 | 7.46 | \$267.73 | 0.00 | 7.47 | 0.04 | 7.51 | \$270.36 | 0.67% |
| 78453-26 | Planar MPI, single | 1.00 | 0.36 | 0.05 | 1.41 | \$50.60 | 1.00 | 0.35 | 0.05 | 1.40 | \$50.40 | -0.71% |
| 78454-G | Planar MPI, multiple | 1.34 | 11.3 | 0.12 | 12.76 | \$457.94 | 1.34 | 11.35 | 0.12 | 12.81 | \$461.15 | 0.39% |
| 78454-TC | Planar MPI, multiple | 0.6 | 10.81 | 0.05 | 11.46 | \$411.28 | 0.00 | 10.87 | 0.05 | 10.92 | \$393.12 | -4.71% |
| 78454-26 | Planar MPI, multiple | 1.34 | 0.49 | 0.07 | 1.9 | \$68.19 | 1.34 | 0.48 | 0.07 | 1.89 | \$68.04 | -0.53% |
| • 0331T | Heart sympathetic image planar | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced |
| • 0332T | Heart sympathetic image planar SPECT | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced |

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| Stress Test Codes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 93015 | Stress Test - physician supervision, with interpretation and report | 0.75 | 1.37 | 0.04 | 2.16 | \$77.52 | 0.75 | 1.23 | 0.04 | 2.02 | \$72.72 | -6.48% |
| 93016 | Stress test - physician supervision only, without interpretation and report. | 0.45 | 0.16 | 0.02 | 0.63 | \$22.61 | 0.45 | 0.16 | 0.02 | 0.63 | \$22.68 | 0.00% |
| 93017 | Stress test - tracing only, without interpretation and report | 0.00 | 1.10 | 0.01 | 1.11 | \$39.84 | 0.00 | 0.96 | 0.01 | 0.97 | \$34.92 | -12.61% |
| 93018 | Stress test - interpretation and report only | 0.3 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 0.42 | \$15.07 | 0.30 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 0.42 | \$15.12 | 0.00% |
| Cardiac PET* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 78459 -G* | Heart muscle imaging (PET) | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced |
| 78459-TC* | Heart muscle imaging (PET) | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced |
| 78459-26 | Heart muscle imaging (PET) | 1.5 | 0.45 | 0.06 | 2.01 | \$72.14 | 1.50 | 0.45 | 0.06 | 2.01 | \$72.36 | 0.00% |
| 78491-G* | Heart Image (PET), single | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced |
| 78491-TC* | Heart Image (PET), single | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced |
| 78491-26 | Heart Image (PET), single | 1.5 | 0.47 | 0.06 | 2.03 | \$72.85 | 1.50 | 0.46 | 0.06 | 2.02 | \$72.72 | -0.49% |
| 78492-G* | Heart image (PET), mult. | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced |
| 78492-TC* | Heart image (PET), mult. | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | n/a | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced | carrier priced |
| 78492-26 | Heart image (PET), mult. | 1.87 | 0.61 | 0.07 | 2.55 | \$91.52 | 1.87 | 0.61 | 0.07 | 2.55 | \$91.80 | 0.00% |
| Cardiac MRI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 75557-G | Cardiac mri for morph | 2.35 | 6.57 | 0.12 | 9.04 | \$324.43 | 2.35 | 6.86 | 0.12 | 9.33 | \$335.88 | 3.21% |
| 75557-TC | Cardiac mri for morph | 0 | 5.73 | 0.1 | 5.83 | \$209.23 | 0.00 | 6.03 | 0.01 | 6.04 | \$217.44 | 3.60% |
| 75557-26 | Cardiac mri for morph | 2.35 | 0.84 | 0.11 | 3.3 | \$118.43 | 2.35 | 0.83 | 0.11 | 3.29 | \$118.44 | -0.30% |
| 75559-G | Cardiac mri w/stress img | 2.95 | 9.28 | 0.12 | 12.35 | \$443.23 | 2.95 | 9.51 | 0.13 | 12.59 | \$453.23 | 1.94% |
| 75559-TC | Cardiac mri w/stress img | 0 | 8.27 | 0.01 | 8.28 | \$297.16 | 0.00 | 8.51 | 0.02 | 8.53 | \$307.08 | 3.02% |
| 75559-26 | Cardiac mri w/stress img | 2.95 | 1.01 | 0.11 | 4.07 | \$146.07 | 2.95 | 1.00 | 0.11 | 4.06 | \$146.16 | -0.25% |

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| 75561-G | Cardiac mri for morph w/dye | 2.60 | 9.26 | 0.14 | 12 | \$430.66 | 2.60 | 9.55 | 0.14 | 12.29 | \$442.44 | 2.42% |
| 75561-TC | Cardiac mri for morph w/dye | 0 | 8.33 | 0.02 | 8.35 | \$299.67 | 0.00 | 8.64 | 0.02 | 8.66 | \$311.76 | 3.71% |
| 75561-26 | Cardiac mri for morph w/dye | 2.60 | 0.93 | 0.12 | 3.65 | \$130.99 | 2.60 | 0.91 | 0.12 | 3.63 | \$130.68 | -0.55% |
| 75563-G | Card mri w/stress img & dye | 3.00 | 11.16 | 0.14 | 14.3 | \$513.21 | 3.00 | 11.48 | 0.14 | 14.62 | \$526.31 | 2.24% |
| 75563-TC | Card mri w/stress img & dye | 0.00 | 10.1 | 0.02 | 10.12 | \$363.19 | 0.00 | 10.43 | 0.02 | 10.45 | \$376.20 | 3.26% |
| 75563-26 | Card mri w/stress img & dye | 3.00 | 1.06 | 0.12 | 4.18 | \$150.01 | 3.00 | 1.05 | 0.12 | 4.17 | \$150.12 | -0.24% |
| 75565-G | Card mri veloc flow mapping | 0.25 | 1.29 | 0.01 | 1.55 | \$55.63 | 0.25 | 1.29 | 0.01 | 1.55 | \$55.80 | 0.00% |
| 75565-TC | Card mri veloc flow mapping | 0 | 1.2 | 0 | 1.2 | \$43.07 | 0.00 | 1.20 | 0.00 | 1.20 | \$43.20 | 0.00% |
| 75565-26 | Card mri veloc flow mapping | 0.25 | 0.09 | 0.01 | 0.35 | \$12.56 | 0.25 | 0.09 | 0.01 | 0.35 | \$12.60 | 0.00% |
| Cardiac CT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 75571-G | CT hrt w/o dye w/ca test | 0.58 | 2.23 | 0.04 | 2.85 | \$102.28 | 0.58 | 2.30 | 0.04 | 2.92 | \$105.12 | 2.46% |
| 75571-TC | CT hrt w/o dye w/ca test | 0 | 2.02 | 0.01 | 2.03 | \$72.85 | 0.00 | 2.09 | 0.01 | 2.10 | \$75.60 | 3.45% |
| 75571-26 | CT hrt w/o dye w/ca test | 0.58 | 0.21 | 0.03 | 0.82 | \$29.43 | 0.58 | 0.21 | 0.03 | 0.82 | \$29.52 | 0.00% |
| 75572-G | CT hrt w/3d image | 1.75 | 6.15 | 0.11 | 8.01 | \$287.47 | 1.75 | 6.22 | 0.11 | 8.08 | \$290.88 | 0.87% |
| 75572-TC | CT hrt w/3d image | 0 | 5.52 | 0.02 | 5.54 | \$198.82 | 0.00 | 5.59 | 0.02 | 5.61 | \$201.96 | 1.26% |
| 75572-26 | CT hrt w/3d image | 1.75 | 0.65 | 0.09 | 2.49 | \$89.36 | 1.75 | 0.63 | 0.09 | 2.47 | \$88.92 | -0.80% |
| 75573-G | CT hrt w/3d image | 2.55 | 8.33 | 0.15 | 11.03 | \$395.85 | 2.55 | 8.33 | 0.14 | 11.02 | \$396.72 | -0.09% |
| 75573-TC | CT hrt w/3d image | 0 | 7.41 | 0.02 | 7.43 | \$266.65 | 0.00 | 7.42 | 0.02 | 7.44 | \$267.84 | 0.13% |
| 75573-26 | CT hrt w/3d image | 2.55 | 0.92 | 0.13 | 3.6 | \$129.20 | 2.55 | 0.91 | 0.12 | 3.58 | \$128.88 | -0.56% |
| 75574-G | CT hrt angio w/3d image | 2.4 | 9.34 | 0.15 | 11.89 | \$426.72 | 2.40 | 9.46 | 0.15 | 12.01 | \$432.36 | 1.01% |
| 75574-TC | CT hrt angio w/3d image | 0 | 8.48 | 0.03 | 8.51 | \$305.41 | 0.00 | 8.62 | 0.03 | 8.65 | \$311.40 | 1.65% |

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| 75574-26 | CT hrt angio w/3d image | 2.4 | 0.86 | 0.12 | 3.38 | \$121.30 | 2.40 | 0.84 | 0.12 | 3.36 | \$120.96 | -0.59% |
| Echocardiography | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 93306-G | Tte w/ doppler complete | 1.3 | 5.08 | 0.07 | 6.45 | \$231.48 | 1.50 | 4.37 | 0.07 | 5.94 | \$213.84 | -7.91% |
| 93306-TC | Tte w/ doppler complete | 0 | 4.62 | 0.02 | 4.64 | \$166.52 | 0.00 | 3.84 | 0.02 | 3.86 | \$138.96 | -16.81% |
| 93306-26 | Tte w/ doppler complete | 1.3 | 0.46 | 0.05 | 1.81 | \$64.96 | 1.50 | 0.53 | 0.05 | 2.08 | \$74.88 | 14.92% |
| 93307-G | Tte w/o doppler complete | 0.92 | 2.71 | 0.04 | 3.67 | \$131.71 | 0.92 | 3.08 | 0.04 | 4.04 | \$145.44 | 10.08% |
| 93307-TC | Tte w/o doppler complete | 0 | 2.38 | 0.01 | 2.39 | \$85.77 | 0.00 | 2.75 | 0.01 | 2.76 | \$99.36 | 15.48% |
| 93307-26 | Tte w/o doppler complete | 0.92 | 0.33 | 0.03 | 1.28 | \$45.94 | 0.92 | 0.33 | 0.03 | 1.28 | \$46.08 | 0.00% |
| 93350-G | Echocardiography rest and cardiovascular stress test with interpretation and report | 1.46 | 5.27 | 0.07 | 6.8 | \$244.04 | 1.46 | 4.36 | 0.07 | 5.89 | \$212.04 | -13.38% |
| 93350-TC | Echocardiography rest and cardiovascular stress test with interpretation and report | 0 | 4.76 | 0.02 | 4.78 | \$171.55 | 0.00 | 3.85 | 0.02 | 3.87 | \$139.32 | -19.04% |
| 93350-26 | Echocardiography rest and cardiovascular stress test with interpretation and report | 1.46 | 0.51 | 0.05 | 2.02 | \$72.50 | 1.46 | 0.51 | 0.05 | 2.02 | \$72.72 | 0.00% |
| 93351-G | Echocardiography rest and cv during stress test with interpretation and report; including electrocardiographic monitoring with physician supervision. | 1.75 | 5.82 | 0.09 | 7.66 | \$274.91 | 1.75 | 4.80 | 0.09 | 6.64 | \$239.04 | -13.32% |
| 93351-TC | Echocardiography rest and cv during stress test with interpretation and report; including electrocardiographic monitoring with physician supervision. | 0 | 5.21 | 0.03 | 5.24 | \$188.06 | 0.00 | 4.19 | 0.03 | 4.22 | \$151.92 | -19.47% |
| 93351-26 | Echocardiography rest and cv during stress test with interpretation and report; including electrocardiographic monitoring with physician supervision. | 1.75 | 0.61 | 0.06 | 2.42 | \$86.85 | 1.75 | 0.61 | 0.06 | 2.42 | \$87.12 | 0.00% |

Notes:

CMS continues to elect to reimburse for Cardiac PET by setting a carrier price for the service. This service is also subject to the DRA which Limits the payment under the physician fee schedule for performing certain imaging services to the payment amount determined under the outpatient prospective payment system.

* After the code signifies that the HOPPS cap applies to the payment rate.