



## 2010 Final Changes and Payment Rates for the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS) |

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the Final 2010 Calendar Year Changes and Payment Rates for the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (CMS-1414-FC). The final rule will be published in the Federal Register on November 20, 2009.

These changes will be in effect for dates of services performed on or after January, 1 2010.

### PET and PET/CT Specific Reimbursement Changes:

- CMS will continue to bundle the payment of the diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals for all nuclear medicine and PET related procedures performed in Calendar Year 2010. CMS believes *"this is consistent with OPSS packaging principles, provides greater administrative simplicity for hospitals, and encourages hospitals to use the most clinically appropriate and cost efficient product for each study."*
- CMS still requires the related diagnostic radiopharmaceutical HCPCS code to be included on the claim in order for correct processing and procedure payment. Please see Table B for PET diagnostic radiopharmaceutical coding.
- HCPCS/CPT and APC related codes for PET procedures will remain the same for Calendar Year 2010.

See page two for 2010 Final PET Payment Rates and Coding Summary for the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS)

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**Table A: 2010 Final PET Payment Rates and Coding Summary for the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS)**

HCCPS/CPT	Description	APC CY 2010	2009 Final HOPPS Payment Rate	2010 Final HOPPS Payment Rate	2009 to 2010 HOPPS Payment Rate Change
78459	Myocardial Imaging, PET, Metabolic	0307	\$1,156.87	\$1,432.87	+23%
78491	Myocardial Imaging, PET, Perfusion single study	0307	\$1,156.87	\$1,432.87	+23%
78492	Myocardial Imaging, PET, Perfusion multiple studies	0307	\$1,156.87	\$1,432.87	+23%
78608	Brain Imaging (PET)	0308	\$1,036.92	\$1,037.34	+0.04%
78811	PET Imaging – Limited Area	0308	\$1,036.92	\$1,037.34	+0.04%
78812	PET Imaging – Skull to Thigh	0308	\$1,036.92	\$1,037.34	+0.04%
78813	PET Imaging – Full Body (Head to Toe)	0308	\$1,036.92	\$1,037.34	+0.04%
78814	PET Imaging with CT – Limited Area	0308	\$1,036.92	\$1,037.34	+0.04%
78815	PET Imaging with CT – Skull Base to Thigh	0308	\$1,036.92	\$1,037.34	+0.04%
78816	PET Imaging with CT – Full Body (Head to Toe)	0308	\$1,036.92	\$1,037.34	+0.04%

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**Table B: 2010 PET Radiopharmaceutical Coding Summary for the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS)**

HCPCS Radiopharmaceutical Code	Radiopharmaceutical Description	CY 2009 Payment Rate	CY 2010 Payment Rate
A9552	FDG, per dose	Bundled into scan payment (APC)	Bundled into scan payment (APC)
A9555	Rubidium-82 (Rb-82), per dose	Bundled into scan payment (APC)	Bundled into scan payment (APC)
A9526	Ammonia N-13, per dose	Bundled into scan payment (APC)	Bundled into scan payment (APC)

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### LINKS:

CMS Document, CMS-1414-FC, Final Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2010 Payment Rates can be found at:

[www.cms.hhs.gov/hospitaloutpatientpps/hord/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-99&sortByDID=3&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1230047&intNumPerPage=10](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hospitaloutpatientpps/hord/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-99&sortByDID=3&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1230047&intNumPerPage=10)

The Society of Nuclear Medicine has also posted additional information on their “Coding Corner” at:

[interactive.snm.org/index.cfm?PageID=9207&RPID=10](http://interactive.snm.org/index.cfm?PageID=9207&RPID=10)

### ASNC Links

MPFS Summary and Updates

[http://www.asnc.org/content\\_8653.cfm](http://www.asnc.org/content_8653.cfm)

MPI 2010 and Cardiac CTA New Codes

[http://www.asnc.org/content\\_8516.cfm](http://www.asnc.org/content_8516.cfm)

### ACC Links

MPFS Summary

<http://www.acc.org/thisweekatacc.htm#1>

### ACR Links

HOPPS Rule Summary

<http://www.acr.org/Hidden/Economics/FeaturedCategories/WhatsNew/HOPPSFinalRule2010.aspx>

MPFS Rule Summary

<http://www.acr.org/Hidden/Economics/FeaturedCategories/WhatsNew/2010MPFSFinalRule.aspx>

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