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2012 Medicare O&P Fee Schedule Increase Announced

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that the 2012 Medicare fee schedule for orthotic and prosthetic services will be increased by 2.4 percent. This increase is effective for claims with a date of service on or after January 1, 2012.

The annual Medicare fee schedule increase is legislatively tied to the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the 12-month period ending with June of the previous year. This percentage, which was 3.6 percent in June 2011, is then reduced by an annual productivity adjustment, which for 2012 was calculated to be 1.2 percent, resulting in a net positive fee schedule increase of 2.4 percent.

CMS has also released 2012 reimbursement rates for L4205 and L7520, which represent 15 minute segments of orthotic and prosthetic labor respectively. These codes are not subject to the productivity adjustment and will be increased by the full 3.6 percent CPI-U based adjustment.

The official 2012 Medicare DMEPOS fee schedule will be released sometime after November 16, 2011. AOPA will download and make this file available to members as soon as it published by CMS.

[Click here to read the CMS Medlearn Matters article announcing the 2012 Medicare fee schedule increase.](#)

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