

2022 Proposed Medicare Part B Payments for Audiology Services

Significant payment cuts for Medicare Part B (outpatient) services paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) are set to return in 2022, absent additional Congressional action. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) estimates overall payment for audiology services will see a 1% decrease, in addition to the 3.75% decrease in the *conversion factor* (CF), the dollar amount CMS uses to calculate Medicare Part B payment rates. As a result, audiologists could see an overall payment decrease of **4.75%** in 2022. This would be in addition to the approximate 1% cut to audiology services experienced in 2021, after Congress intervened to mitigate the projected 6% cut.

It is important to note that the cumulative impact of the cuts experienced by individual clinicians or practices will vary depending on factors such as geographic locality and specific codes billed. ASHA provides the following analysis of 2022 national non-facility payment rates for audiology services to help clinicians estimate the impact of the proposed cuts at the procedure code level. The analysis also includes current 2021 rates for comparison with potential 2022 rates.

The 2022 rates shown in the comparison table were calculated by multiplying the total proposed relative value units (RVUs) for each procedure code by two different CFs to illustrate national non-facility payment rates, as follows: 1) **\$33.59**, which is the proposed CF with cuts, and 2) **\$34.84**, which is the projected CF with Congressional extension of the 3.75% increase.

See ASHA's [update page](#) and [analysis of the 2022 MPFS proposed rule](#) to learn more about the cuts and ASHA's ongoing advocacy on this issue.

Comparison Table

Code	Mod	2021 National Fee	Using Proposed CF (\$33.59)		Using CF with 3.75% Increase (\$34.84)	
			2022 National Fee	2021 to 2022 Change (\$)	2022 National Fee	2021 to 2022 Change (\$)
92517		\$87.23	\$78.59	-\$8.64	\$81.54	-\$5.70
92518		\$81.30	\$73.55	-\$7.75	\$76.31	-\$4.99
92519		\$135.39	\$122.92	-\$12.46	\$127.53	-\$7.86
92537		\$42.57	\$39.29	-\$3.28	\$40.77	-\$1.80
92537	TC	\$10.82	\$8.73	-\$2.08	\$9.06	-\$1.76
92537	26	\$31.75	\$30.56	-\$1.19	\$31.71	-\$0.04
92538		\$23.03	\$21.49	-\$1.54	\$22.30	-\$0.73
92538	TC	\$6.98	\$5.71	-\$1.27	\$5.92	-\$1.06
92538	26	\$16.05	\$15.78	-\$0.27	\$16.38	\$0.33
92540		\$112.01	\$103.78	-\$8.23	\$107.67	-\$4.34
92540	TC	\$32.80	\$27.88	-\$4.92	\$28.92	-\$3.88
92540	26	\$79.21	\$75.90	-\$3.31	\$78.75	-\$0.46
92541		\$25.82	\$24.52	-\$1.30	\$25.44	-\$0.38
92541	TC	\$4.54	\$4.03	-\$0.51	\$4.18	-\$0.35
92541	26	\$21.28	\$20.49	-\$0.80	\$21.25	-\$0.03
92542		\$30.01	\$28.21	-\$1.80	\$29.27	-\$0.74
92542	TC	\$4.54	\$3.69	-\$0.84	\$3.83	-\$0.70
92542	26	\$25.47	\$24.52	-\$0.96	\$25.44	-\$0.04
92544		\$18.49	\$17.46	-\$1.03	\$18.12	-\$0.37

Code	Mod	2021 National Fee	Using Proposed CF (\$33.59)		Using CF with 3.75% Increase (\$34.84)	
			2022 National Fee	2021 to 2022 Change (\$)	2022 National Fee	2021 to 2022 Change (\$)
92544	TC	\$3.84	\$3.36	-\$0.48	\$3.48	-\$0.35
92544	26	\$14.66	\$14.11	-\$0.55	\$14.63	-\$0.02
92545		\$17.10	\$16.12	-\$0.98	\$16.73	-\$0.37
92545	TC	\$3.49	\$3.02	-\$0.47	\$3.14	-\$0.35
92545	26	\$13.61	\$13.10	-\$0.51	\$13.59	-\$0.02
92546		\$121.43	\$134.34	\$12.91	\$139.38	\$17.95
92546	TC	\$106.42	\$119.90	\$13.47	\$124.39	\$17.97
92546	26	\$15.00	\$14.44	-\$0.56	\$14.98	-\$0.02
92547		\$10.12	\$9.40	-\$0.72	\$9.76	-\$0.36
92548		\$50.59	\$47.02	-\$3.58	\$48.78	-\$1.81
92548	TC	\$15.70	\$13.77	-\$1.93	\$14.29	-\$1.42
92548	26	\$34.89	\$33.25	-\$1.64	\$34.50	-\$0.40
92549		\$64.90	\$61.80	-\$3.11	\$64.11	-\$0.79
92549	TC	\$19.19	\$18.47	-\$0.72	\$19.16	-\$0.03
92549	26	\$45.71	\$43.32	-\$2.39	\$44.95	-\$0.76
92550		\$22.68	\$21.83	-\$0.85	\$22.65	-\$0.03
92552		\$32.80	\$40.64	\$7.84	\$42.16	\$9.36
92553		\$40.13	\$50.04	\$9.91	\$51.92	\$11.79
92555		\$25.12	\$30.56	\$5.44	\$31.71	\$6.59
92556		\$39.78	\$49.03	\$9.26	\$50.87	\$11.09
92557		\$39.08	\$36.27	-\$2.81	\$37.63	-\$1.45
92562		\$47.11	\$52.39	\$5.29	\$54.36	\$7.25
92563		\$31.75	\$35.94	\$4.18	\$37.28	\$5.53
92565		\$17.80	\$23.51	\$5.71	\$24.39	\$6.60
92567		\$16.75	\$15.45	-\$1.30	\$16.03	-\$0.72
92568		\$15.70	\$15.45	-\$0.25	\$16.03	\$0.33
92570		\$33.85	\$31.91	-\$1.94	\$33.10	-\$0.74
92571		\$28.26	\$35.26	\$7.00	\$36.59	\$8.32
92572		\$36.29	\$51.05	\$14.76	\$52.96	\$16.67
92575		\$69.44	\$81.28	\$11.84	\$84.32	\$14.89
92576		\$38.38	\$47.02	\$8.64	\$48.78	\$10.40
92577		\$15.35	\$23.17	\$7.82	\$24.04	\$8.69
92579		\$47.80	\$44.33	-\$3.47	\$45.99	-\$1.81
92582		\$76.42	\$95.04	\$18.63	\$98.61	\$22.19
92583		\$51.29	\$62.13	\$10.84	\$64.46	\$13.17
92584		\$121.43	\$105.12	-\$16.31	\$109.06	-\$12.37
92587		\$22.68	\$21.16	-\$1.52	\$21.95	-\$0.73
92587	TC	\$4.19	\$3.36	-\$0.83	\$3.48	-\$0.70
92587	26	\$18.49	\$17.80	-\$0.69	\$18.47	-\$0.03
92588		\$34.54	\$32.91	-\$1.63	\$34.15	-\$0.40
92588	TC	\$5.58	\$4.70	-\$0.88	\$4.88	-\$0.70
92588	26	\$28.96	\$28.21	-\$0.75	\$29.27	\$0.31

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			2022 National Fee	2021 to 2022 Change (\$)	2022 National Fee	2021 to 2022 Change (\$)
92596		\$68.39	\$85.98	\$17.59	\$89.20	\$20.81
92601		\$170.28	\$155.83	-\$14.44	\$161.68	-\$8.60
92602		\$108.17	\$98.07	-\$10.10	\$101.75	-\$6.42
92603		\$158.41	\$146.77	-\$11.65	\$152.27	-\$6.15
92604		\$95.96	\$87.99	-\$7.96	\$91.29	-\$4.66
92620		\$94.21	\$88.33	-\$5.88	\$91.64	-\$2.57
92621		\$23.03	\$21.49	-\$1.54	\$22.30	-\$0.73
92625		\$70.83	\$66.83	-\$4.00	\$69.34	-\$1.49
92626		\$91.77	\$85.64	-\$6.13	\$88.85	-\$2.92
92627		\$21.63	\$20.15	-\$1.48	\$20.91	-\$0.73
92640		\$115.50	\$108.14	-\$7.35	\$112.20	-\$3.30
92651		\$91.42	\$82.62	-\$8.80	\$85.72	-\$5.70
92652		\$119.68	\$109.15	-\$10.53	\$113.24	-\$6.44
92653		\$87.58	\$80.27	-\$7.31	\$83.28	-\$4.30