

2022 Proposed Medicare Part B Payments for Speech-Language Pathology 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 speech-language pathology services will see a 2% 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, speech-language pathologists could see an overall payment decrease of **5.75%** in 2022. This would be in addition to the overall 3-4% cut speech-language pathology services experienced in 2021, after Congress intervened to mitigate the projected 9% 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 payment rates for speech-language pathology 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 by two different CFs to illustrate national 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	2021 Final 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 (\$)
31579	\$201.68	\$194.12	-\$7.56	\$201.40	-\$0.28
92507	\$78.16	\$75.57	-\$2.59	\$78.40	\$0.24
92508	\$24.08	\$22.84	-\$1.24	\$23.69	-\$0.38
92511	\$120.38	\$114.19	-\$6.19	\$118.47	-\$1.91
92512	\$61.41	\$68.18	\$6.77	\$70.73	\$9.32
92520	\$82.35	\$87.66	\$5.31	\$90.94	\$8.60
92521	\$136.78	\$130.64	-\$6.14	\$135.54	-\$1.24
92522	\$114.45	\$109.15	-\$5.30	\$113.24	-\$1.21
92523	\$235.18	\$223.67	-\$11.50	\$232.06	-\$3.12
92524	\$112.01	\$108.14	-\$3.86	\$112.20	\$0.19
92526	\$86.53	\$83.29	-\$3.24	\$86.41	-\$0.12
92597	\$72.58	\$70.53	-\$2.05	\$73.17	\$0.60
92607	\$127.71	\$120.23	-\$7.48	\$124.74	-\$2.97
92608	\$51.29	\$47.35	-\$3.94	\$49.13	-\$2.16
92609	\$106.77	\$100.75	-\$6.02	\$104.53	-\$2.24
92610	\$86.53	\$82.62	-\$3.92	\$85.72	-\$0.82

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		2022 National Fee	2021 to 2022 Change (\$)	2022 National Fee	2021 to 2022 Change (\$)
92611	\$93.86	\$87.66	-\$6.21	\$90.94	-\$2.92
92612	\$201.33	\$192.11	-\$9.23	\$199.31	-\$2.02
92613	\$37.34	\$35.94	-\$1.40	\$37.28	-\$0.05
92614	\$150.04	\$148.11	-\$1.93	\$153.66	\$3.62
92615	\$33.15	\$32.24	-\$0.91	\$33.45	\$0.30
92616	\$220.87	\$220.65	-\$0.22	\$228.93	\$8.05
92617	\$41.52	\$40.64	-\$0.89	\$42.16	\$0.64
92626	\$91.42	\$85.64	-\$5.78	\$88.85	-\$2.57
92627	\$21.63	\$20.15	-\$1.48	\$20.91	-\$0.73
96105	\$101.54	\$96.05	-\$5.49	\$99.65	-\$1.88
96112	\$131.55	\$131.65	\$0.11	\$136.59	\$5.04
96113	\$58.62	\$58.77	\$0.15	\$60.98	\$2.36
96125	\$107.12	\$99.75	-\$7.37	\$103.49	-\$3.63
97129	\$23.38	\$22.50	-\$0.88	\$23.35	-\$0.03
97130	\$22.68	\$21.83	-\$0.85	\$22.65	-\$0.03
97533	\$61.06	\$59.78	-\$1.28	\$62.02	\$0.96
97535	\$33.85	\$32.91	-\$0.93	\$34.15	\$0.30
98970	\$11.86	\$11.42	-\$0.44	\$11.85	-\$0.02
98971	\$20.94	\$20.15	-\$0.78	\$20.91	-\$0.03
98972	\$32.80	\$30.56	-\$2.24	\$31.71	-\$1.09
G0451	\$10.12	\$12.09	\$1.97	\$12.54	\$2.42
G2250	\$12.21	\$12.43	\$0.21	\$12.89	\$0.68
G2251	\$14.66	\$14.11	-\$0.55	\$14.63	-\$0.02