

## **2007 MEDICARE FEE SCHEDULE**

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5448. The Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 changes the update to the 2007 conversion factor for services paid under the MPFS, and this change is effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2007. The Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 set the 2007 conversion factor for physician payment at the same level as in 2006 (\$37.8975), reversing the statutorily mandated 5.0 percent negative update. However, it does not maintain 2007 physician payments at 2006 levels. There are a number of other factors that affect payment rates for 2007. Other changes adopted in the physician fee schedule final rule that affect 2007 payment rates include changes in the practice expense RVU-setting methodology, refinements to the practice expense RVUs, re-weighting of geographic adjustment factors, limits on payments for imaging services required by the Deficit Reduction Act, and other annual refinements including coding changes. Both the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and your local Medicare contractor will display the resulting new fees on its Web site no later than December 31, 2006. The effective date for any participation change is January 1, 2007. For more information, go to the Florida Medicare website at [www.floridamedicare.com](http://www.floridamedicare.com).