

## Finding PERTINENT Information Over The Internet To Calculate The Maximum Payment Amount For CPT® Codes

For most medical service providers, the maximum payment amount under the Oregon Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule is calculated by multiplying the Conversion Factor by the RVU. Both can be found over the Internet. Please be aware that internet pages often change in appearance. Therefore, the pictures shown below may not correspond to what you actually see when you open a web page. However, you should still be able to locate the appropriate key links referenced in the Steps below. We recommend that you print this document as a reference and then follow each step described below.

**Step (1):** Go to [www.wcd.oregon.gov](http://www.wcd.oregon.gov)

**Step (2):** Click on Laws & rules

You should see something similar to this:



**Step (3):** Click on Current Rules



Scroll down to 009: Oregon Medical Fee & Payment Rules

<p>08-060   7/7/08</p> <p>w/ marked revisions: <a href="#">08-060</a></p>	<p>Oregon Medical Fee and Payment Rules</p> <p>PDF: <a href="#">009</a></p> <p>Word: <a href="#">009</a></p> <p><a href="#">See history</a></p> <p>See Bulletin(s): <a href="#">112</a>   <a href="#">220</a>   <a href="#">290</a>   <a href="#">293</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Kevin Willingham</a> 503-934-6014</p>
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**Step (4):** Click on **009** link to open the rules in the format of your choice.

Scroll down about 5 pages until you reach 436-009-0004 Adoption of Standards.

### 436-009-0004 Adoption of Standards¶

(1) The director adopts, by reference, the columns titled “CPT/HCPCS,” “Mod,” “Physician Work RVUs,” “Year 2008 Transitional Non-Facility PE RVUs,” “Year 2008 Transitional Facility PE RVUs,” “Malpractice RVUs,” and “Global” in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 2008 Medicare Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) Addendum B and Addendum C, 72 Federal Register No.227, November 27, 2007, as the basis for the fee schedule for payment of medical service providers, except as otherwise provided in

#### Look for the date of the currently adopted Federal Register:

**Step (5):** Write down the date of the currently adopted Federal Register; you will need it later to find the RVUs. Depending on the rules currently in effect, this date may be different from above example.

**Step (6):** Next, we will look up the Conversion Factor. While still in the same rules, scroll down approximately 18 more pages, until you get to a table as shown below. (In OAR 436-009-0040.) Depending on the rules in effect, the \$ amount may be different from the example below. Choose the appropriate Conversion Factor, based on the medical service in question.

Service Categories□	Conversion Factors□
Evaluation / Management□	\$64.79□
Anesthesiology□	\$53.45□
Surgery□	\$86.44□
Radiology□	\$68.00□
Lab & Pathology□	\$60.00□
Medicine□	\$75.04□
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation□	\$65.79□
Multidisciplinary and Other Oregon-Specific Codes□	\$60.00□

**Step (7):** Go to <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html> to look up the RVU.

**Step (8):** Click on the arrow. Then highlight the year from the date you wrote down in Step (5). Next, click “Go”.

**Step (9):** On the next page that pops up, scroll down to the date you wrote down in Step (5). Click on it.

**Step (10):** Now scroll down until you reach the “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services”. Look for “Physician fee schedule”

# Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

## RULES

Medicare:

Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and CY 2008 payment rates, etc.,

66580-67225 [07-5507]

[\[TEXT\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

Physician fee schedule and other Part B payment policies for CY 2008; payment policy revisions,

66222-66578 [07-5506]

[\[TEXT\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

**Step (11):** Click on this. The document that will open is very large and may take a while to open.

**Step (12):** Scroll down approximately 190 pages to get to the table Addendum B with the RVUs. You should see something similar to the following:

66538 Federal Register / Vol. 72, No. 227 / Tuesday, November 27, 2007 / Rules and Regulations

ADDENDUM B.—RELATIVE VALUE UNITS AND RELATED INFORMATION USED IN DETERMINING MEDICARE PAYMENTS FOR 2008—Continued

CPT <sup>®</sup> /HCPCS	Mod	Status	Description	Physician work RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Fully implemented non-facility PE RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Year 2008 transitional non-facility PE RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Fully implemented facility PE RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Year 2008 transitional facility PE RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Malpractice RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Global
99195		A	Phlebotomy	0.00	2.56	1.50	NA	NA	0.02	XXX
99199		C	Special service/proc/report	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	XXX
99201		A	Office/outpatient visit, new	0.45	0.55	0.52	0.16	0.15	0.03	XXX
99203		A	Office/outpatient visit, new	1.34	0.84	1.12	0.29	0.30	0.09	XXX
99203		A	Office/outpatient visit, new	1.34	1.11	1.12	0.43	0.45	0.09	XXX
99204		A	Office/outpatient visit, new	2.30	1.49	1.49	0.71	0.71	0.12	XXX
99205		A	Office/outpatient visit, new	3.00	1.78	1.78	0.91	0.93	0.15	XXX
99211		A	Office/outpatient visit, est	0.17	0.32	0.36	0.06	0.06	0.01	XXX
99212		A	Office/outpatient visit, est	0.45	0.55	0.55	0.15	0.15	0.03	XXX
99213		A	Office/outpatient visit, est	0.92	0.76	0.72	0.28	0.26	0.03	XXX
99214		A	Office/outpatient visit, est	1.42	1.10	1.06	0.44	0.42	0.05	XXX
99215		A	Office/outpatient visit, est	2.00	1.38	1.35	0.61	0.63	0.08	XXX
99217		A	Observation care discharge	1.28	NA	NA	0.50	0.51	0.06	XXX
99218		A	Observation care	1.28	NA	NA	0.38	0.41	0.06	XXX
99219		A	Observation care	2.14	NA	NA	0.59	0.65	0.10	XXX
99220		A	Observation care	2.99	NA	NA	0.84	0.93	0.14	XXX
99221		A	Initial hospital care	1.88	NA	NA	0.54	0.50	0.07	XXX
99222		A	Initial hospital care	2.56	NA	NA	0.71	0.72	0.10	XXX
99223		A	Initial hospital care	3.78	NA	NA	1.07	1.05	0.13	XXX
99231		A	Subsequent hospital care	0.76	NA	NA	0.24	0.23	0.03	XXX
99232		A	Subsequent hospital care	1.39	NA	NA	0.42	0.40	0.04	XXX
99233		A	Subsequent hospital care	2.00	NA	NA	0.59	0.56	0.06	XXX
99234		A	Observ/hosp same date	2.56	NA	NA	0.78	0.83	0.13	XXX
99235		A	Observ/hosp same date	3.41	NA	NA	0.98	1.06	0.16	XXX
99236		A	Observ/hosp same date	4.26	NA	NA	1.21	1.32	0.19	XXX

**Step (13):** Find the CPT<sup>®</sup> code in question in the left most column (you may have to scroll up or down, for example, to get to CPT<sup>®</sup> code 99203, you would have to scroll down another approximately 128 pages).

**Step (14):** Now find the total assigned RVU by adding the RVU's for Physician work, Year 2008 Transitional Non-Facility PE, and Malpractice, for procedures performed inside the medical service provider's office, i.e. a regular doctor's office. In the example above for CPT code 99203 you would add 1.34 + 1.12 + 0.09 for a total RVU of 2.55. (You would use the Year 2008 Transitional Facility PE column, if the procedure was performed outside the medical service provider's office, e.g. in a hospital.)

In the example highlighted above, the CPT<sup>®</sup> code is 99203 which has an assigned total RVU of 2.55. Since CPT<sup>®</sup> code 99203 is an Evaluation and Management service, the appropriate Conversion Factor is \$64.79 [from Step (6)].

**Step (15):** Now calculate the maximum payment amount under the fee schedule: In this example above, multiply 2.55 (the total RVU) by \$64.79 (the Conversion Factor): The maximum payment amount under the fee schedule for CPT<sup>®</sup> code 99203 is \$165.21.

**Note:** If the RVU is 0.00, it shall be paid at the provider's usual rate.

Please note: You should always charge your usual rate, i.e. what you charge to the general public. The fee schedule does not tell you what you should charge. You should get paid either your usual and customary fee or the fee schedule amount, whichever is less.

**Caution:** These are only generalized instructions intended to help you find the necessary and up-to-date information over the internet. For more information, please consult the Oregon Medical Fee and Payment Rules. Since these rules are generally updated yearly, the numbers used or referenced above may be out-dated. For example, the number you clicked on in Step (4) will change every year when new rules are adopted. Similarly, the current Conversion Factors may be different from the ones shown in the table of this document. However, if you follow the links explained above, you should always be able to find the most up-to-date information over the internet at your convenience.

If you have additional questions, please call (503) 934-6049 and ask for the Medical Reviewer of the Day.