

TABLE 52: CY 2017 PFS Estimated Impact on Total Allowed Charges by Specialty*

(A) Specialty	(B) Allowed Charges (mil)	(C) Impact of Work RVU Changes	(D) Impact of PE RVU Changes	(E) Impact of MP RVU Changes	(F) Combined Impact**
TOTAL	\$89,866	0%	0%	0%	0%
ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY	\$231	0%	1%	0%	1%
ANESTHESIOLOGY	\$1,982	0%	0%	0%	0%
AUDIOLOGIST	\$61	0%	0%	0%	0%
CARDIAC SURGERY	\$324	0%	0%	0%	0%
CARDIOLOGY	\$6,485	0%	0%	0%	0%
CHIROPRACTOR	\$784	0%	0%	0%	0%
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST	\$734	0%	0%	0%	0%
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	\$606	0%	0%	0%	0%
COLON AND RECTAL SURGERY	\$161	0%	0%	0%	0%
CRITICAL CARE	\$311	0%	0%	0%	0%
DERMATOLOGY	\$3,308	0%	0%	0%	0%
DIAGNOSTIC TESTING FACILITY	\$754	0%	-1%	0%	-1%
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	\$3,145	0%	0%	0%	0%
ENDOCRINOLOGY	\$460	0%	0%	0%	0%
FAMILY PRACTICE	\$6,110	0%	1%	0%	1%
GASTROENTEROLOGY	\$1,747	-1%	0%	0%	-1%
GENERAL PRACTICE	\$456	0%	0%	0%	1%
GENERAL SURGERY	\$2,172	0%	0%	0%	0%
GERIATRICS	\$213	0%	1%	0%	1%
HAND SURGERY	\$182	0%	0%	0%	0%
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	\$1,751	0%	0%	0%	0%
INDEPENDENT LABORATORY	\$706	0%	-5%	0%	-5%
INFECTIOUS DISEASE	\$656	0%	0%	0%	0%
INTERNAL MEDICINE	\$10,915	0%	1%	0%	1%
INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MGMT	\$769	0%	-1%	0%	0%
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	\$317	-1%	0%	0%	-1%
MULTISPECIALTY CLINIC/OTHER PHYS	\$129	0%	0%	0%	1%
NEPHROLOGY	\$2,210	0%	0%	0%	0%
NEUROLOGY	\$1,521	0%	0%	0%	0%
NEUROSURGERY	\$789	-1%	0%	0%	-1%
NUCLEAR MEDICINE	\$47	0%	0%	0%	0%
NURSE ANES / ANES ASST	\$1,214	0%	0%	0%	0%
NURSE PRACTITIONER	\$2,988	0%	0%	0%	0%
OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY	\$651	0%	0%	0%	0%
OPHTHALMOLOGY	\$5,492	-1%	-2%	0%	-2%
OPTOMETRY	\$1,219	0%	-1%	0%	-1%
ORAL/MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY	\$49	0%	-1%	0%	-1%
ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	\$3,695	0%	0%	0%	0%
OTHER	\$27	0%	0%	0%	0%
OTOLARNGOLOGY	\$1,210	0%	0%	0%	-1%
PATHOLOGY	\$1,135	0%	-2%	0%	-1%

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PEDIATRICS	\$61	0%	0%	0%	0%
PHYSICAL MEDICINE	\$1,068	0%	0%	0%	0%
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	\$3,407	0%	1%	0%	1%
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	\$1,964	0%	0%	0%	0%
PLASTIC SURGERY	\$378	0%	0%	0%	0%
PODIATRY	\$1,972	0%	0%	0%	0%
PORTABLE X-RAY SUPPLIER	\$106	0%	0%	0%	0%
PSYCHIATRY	\$1,265	0%	0%	0%	0%
PULMONARY DISEASE	\$1,765	0%	0%	0%	0%
RADIATION ONCOLOGY	\$1,726	0%	0%	0%	0%
RADIATION THERAPY CENTERS	\$44	0%	0%	0%	0%
RADIOLOGY	\$4,683	0%	0%	0%	-1%
RHEUMATOLOGY	\$537	0%	0%	0%	0%
THORACIC SURGERY	\$357	0%	0%	0%	0%
UROLOGY	\$1,772	-1%	0%	0%	-2%
VASCULAR SURGERY	\$1,046	0%	0%	0%	-1%

** Column F may not equal the sum of columns C, D, and E due to rounding.

2. CY 2017 PFS Impact Discussion

a. Changes in RVUs

The most widespread specialty impacts of the final RVU changes are generally related to the changes to RVUs for specific services resulting from the Misvalued Code Initiative, including finalized RVUs for new and revised codes. Several specialties, including interventional radiology and independent labs, would experience significant decreases to overall payments for services that they frequently furnish as a result of revisions to the coding structure or the final inputs used to develop RVUs for the codes that describe particular services. Other specialties, including endocrinology and family practice, would experience significant increases to payments for similar reasons.

We note that the positive impact for CY 2017 several specialties is lower than it was in the proposed rule, especially for certain specialties disproportionately likely to have reported the