

Medical and Dental Practices Current Standard Charges

PUBLIC POSTING OF STANDARD CHARGES ON WEBSITES OF CERTAIN MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTICES

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The Minnesota Legislature passed legislation in 2023 requiring hospitals and certain medical and dental practices to post standard charges on their websites ([Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.826](#)).

The Legislature directed the Commissioner of Health to specify the way these health care entities make the information available to the public on their websites.

Types of medical and dental practices impacted

Under the law, a medical or dental practice subject to public posting is a business that earns revenue by providing medical or dental care to the public and issues payment claims to health plan companies and other payers.

Medical and dental practices impacted by the new law may be identified by having a federal tax identification number and includes practices under one federal tax identification number that have revenue greater than \$50 million per year and acquire a majority of its revenue by providing **any combination** of the following services:

Diagnostic radiology services.

Diagnostic laboratory testing.

Orthopedic surgical procedures—including joint arthroplasty procedures within the CPT code range of 26990 to 27899.

Ophthalmologic surgical procedures—including cataract surgery coded using CPT 71.4 code 66982 or 66984—or refractive correction surgery to improve visual acuity.

Dental services.

Oncology services—including radiation oncology treatments within the CPT code 71.9 range of 77261 to 77799 and drug infusions.

Anesthesia services commonly provided as a support to services given at a hospital, outpatient surgical center, or medical practice that provides orthopedic surgical procedures or ophthalmologic surgical procedures.

Effective dates

Medical and dental practices must comply with the requirement to post data by **January 1, 2025**.

Required file format and content for hospitals

Public standard charges—the regular negotiated rate established by a medical or dental practice for any item or service provided to a specific group of paying patients—must be made available to the public in a format accepted by CMS using the format and data elements specified in the currently effective version of the [Hospital Price Transparency Sample Format \(Tall\) or \(Wide\) \(CSV\) and related data dictionary](#) recommended for hospitals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).¹

All prices included in the file must be expressed as dollar amounts, when applicable. The data must be in the form of a comma separated values (.csv) file which can be directly imported, without further editing or remediation, into a relational database table to receive these files. Files must be tested for compliance by the medical and dental practices before posting to its website.

For further information about CMS price transparency file and format requirements to make standard charges public, visit the [CMS Hospital Price Transparency page](#) or the [CMS Resource page](#).

Location of “Pricing Transparency” link on website homepage

MDH directs medical and dental practices to place the link leading to downloadable pricing data at the bottom of their website’s homepage to align with the [final CMS rule](#) (CMS-1786-FC) for the 2024 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System. The link is to be labeled as “Download All Charges as Machine Readable .CSV File.” Compliance with all other CMS requirements specified in the final rule (CMS-1786-FC) pertaining to the downloadable file will constitute compliance with Minnesota’s requirements.

References

- [Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.826 \(https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/62J.826\)](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/62J.826)
- [Hospital Price Transparency Sample Format \(Tall\) \(https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/v11-hospital-price-transparency-machine-readable-file-formats-and-data-dictionary.zip\)](https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/v11-hospital-price-transparency-machine-readable-file-formats-and-data-dictionary.zip)
- [CMS Hospital Price Transparency page \(https://www.cms.gov/hospital-price-transparency/resources\)](https://www.cms.gov/hospital-price-transparency/resources)
- [CMS Resource page \(https://www.cms.gov/hospital-price-transparency/resources\)](https://www.cms.gov/hospital-price-transparency/resources)
- [Final CMS rule \(https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-24293/medicare-program-hospitaloutpatient-prospective-payment-and-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment\)](https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-24293/medicare-program-hospitaloutpatient-prospective-payment-and-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment)

¹ If CMS modifies or replaces the specifications for this format or data elements, the form and content of this file must be modified or replaced to conform with the new CMS specifications by the date specified by CMS for compliance with its new specifications.

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