

#### **CY20 DHA UBO Outpatient Rates**

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## **DHA UBO Rate Structures**



## Widely used billing rate structures intended to recover costs in the military fixed facilities.

- 1) Full or Third Party Collections (TPC).
- 2) Interagency.
- 3) International Military Education & Training (IMET).
- The DHA UBO Program Office recommends billing rates for contractors and foreign nationals supporting deployed forces.
- Patient Category (PATCAT) assignment drives the assignment of the applicable rate structure.



## 1) Full or Third Party Collection (TPC) Rates

- Full / TPC Billing rates are used synonymously.
  - Recover the full cost of healthcare services provided.
  - Normally the highest DHA UBO rate.
- TPC Rates are used for billing commercial third-party payers and pay patients.
  - Exception: OCONUS DoD Civilians and Cosmetic Procedures.
- Most DHA UBO Ambulatory/Professional TPC rates match TRICARE Reimbursement (CMAC rates).
- Inpatient TPC rates are indexed to TRICARE annual percent growth.
- TPC rates are based on average Medical Expense & Performance Reporting System (MEPRS) unit costs with adjustments for costs not included in MEPRS data.
  - Dental, Ambulance, Ambulatory Procedure Visit (APV), specific Injectables.



## 2) Interagency Rates

- Interagency rates are TPC rates discounted to remove several cost factors for health care services.
- Durable medical equipment and pharmaceuticals are not discounted.
- Interagency Rates do not include:
  - Asset Use Charge: Use of assets (facilities and/or equipment) to recoup depreciation and interest on investment.
  - Government Share of Unfunded Retirement (GSUR) Costs: Cover the cost of the unfunded civilian retirement, post retirement health benefits and life insurance.



## 3) International Military Education & Training Rates

- The IMET Program provides training on a grant basis to students from allied and friendly nations.
  - Authority for the IMET program is found in Chapter 5, Part II, Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.
  - Funding is appropriated from the International Affairs budget of the Department of State.
  - Not all foreign national patients participate in the IMET program.
- IMET Rates do not include:
  - Asset Use Charge and GSUR Costs.
  - Military Personnel Cost.



# Patient category (PATCAT) assignment determines billing, who should be billed and under which rate structure

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Code	Subcat	Pat Cat Summary	Ipnt Indiv	Ipnt Agency	Opnt Indiv	Opnt Agency	Sponsor	Family Member	Civ Emergency	Deceased Sponsor	OCONUS GMS	Prohibit DEER
A00		ACTIVE DUTY	NC NC	NC	NC NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
A11	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A11	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A12	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A12	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A12	3	ACTIVE DUTY	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A13		ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A14		ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A15	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A15	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A15	3	ACTIVE DUTY	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A21		ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A22	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A22	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A22	3	ACTIVE DUTY	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A23	1	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A23	2	ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A23	3	ACTIVE DUTY	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A24		ACTIVE DUTY	FMR	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A25		DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
A26		ACTIVE DUTY	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
A27	1	ACTIVE DUTY	FMR	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
A27	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A28	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A28	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A29	1	CIVILIAN	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A29	2	CIVILIAN	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A30	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FRR	NC	FOR	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A30	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
A31	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A31	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A32	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A32	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A33	1	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A33	2	DEPENDENT/RETIREE	NC	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A36		ACTIVE DUTY	FMR	NC	NC	NC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
A37		DEPENDENT/RETIREE	FMR	NC	NC	NC	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO

Source <a href="https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/Patient-Categories">https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/Patient-Categories</a>



## **Outpatient Rate Package**

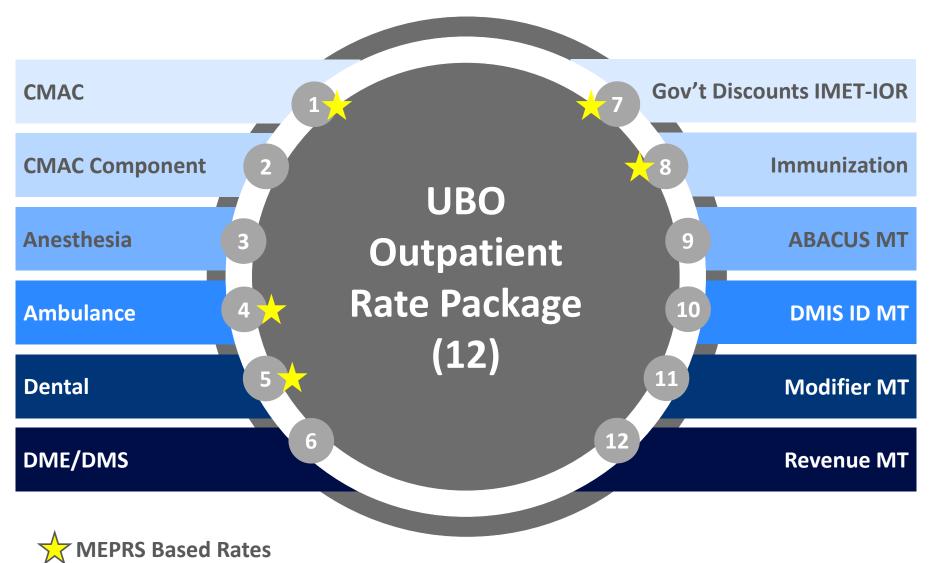




## **Outpatient Rates Overview:**

- CY 2020 Outpatient Rates developed to accommodate Military Health Systems billing systems and solutions.
- Outpatient rates are developed by the DHA UBO for each outpatient encounter, service, procedure, or supply provided at a MTF.
- UBO CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge (CMAC) rates are developed for reimbursement in the purchased care community.
- Purchased Care System data used to calculate the average allowable amounts. Some procedures require special handling and rates are based on purchased care data or Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) charges.
- Medical Expense & Performance Reporting System (MEPRS) data is used to calculate the average MTF operational expenses.







- Primary rate table, formatted and sorted for UBO.
- Based on what TRICARE allows.
- Categorized by CMAC localities.

#### 2020 Highlights

- Certain CMAC codes are not available for separate reimbursement.
  - ED Rates
  - Observation
  - Moderate Sedation
- 0.18% Overall Average Percent Increase from CY19
- CY20 New codes became effective January 1, 2020, the rest of the file will have an effective date for CY20 of <u>July 1<sup>st</sup></u>, 2020.

Codes Se	t To Zero
98966	Tele. Assess
98967	Tele. Assess
98968	Tele. Assess
98969	Online Serv.
99441	Telemed
99442	Telemed
99443	Telemed.
99024	Post. Op.
G0379	Admit
99241	IP Consult
99242	IP Consult
99243	IP Consult
99244	IP Consult
99245	IP Consult
99251	OP Consult
99252	OP Consult
99253	OP Consult
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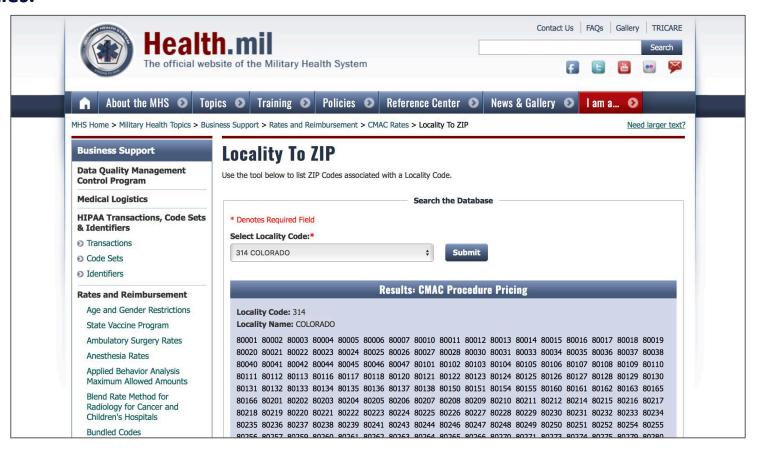
#### **TRICARE Localities Overview**

- TRICARE localities are designated within the range of 301-424
- TRICARE localities are defined with the same geographic boundaries as Medicare localities.
- TRICARE localities apply to the CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charges, or CMAC reimbursable rates.
- TRICARE localities also are assigned to individual Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and DMIS ID locations.
- After the "national" average CMAC level has been determined (Locality 300), rates are calculated for the remaining 114 localities.



#### There are 114 Active TRICARE Localities for CY20

A single locality assignment often includes many zip codes and military treatment facilities.



**Link**: <a href="https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Rates-and-Reimbursement/CMAC-Rates/Locality-To-ZIP">https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Rates-and-Reimbursement/CMAC-Rates/Locality-To-ZIP</a>



- Emergency Department (ED)
- Evaluation & Management Codes (99281-99285)
  - Used for Hospital level (1-5) ED encounter.
  - System limitations: unable to bill both professional and institutional charges for same service.
    - Only represents the institutional charge for the ED E&M service.
    - Mapped to the UB 04/837I.

CPT® Code	2019	2020	Percent Change
99281	\$69.73	\$59.18	-15.13%
99282	\$127.96	\$108.77	-15.00%
99283	\$222.99	\$189.84	-14.87%
99284	\$360.37	\$299.02	-17.02%
99285	\$525.30	\$525.30	0.00%



#### CMAC Component

- TRICARE assigns code components with Professional (PC) and Technical (TC) components.
  - Technical Components (TC) are based on applied Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) charges.
  - Professional Components (PC) are charges provided by the regular CMAC rates.
- Not available for separate reimbursement considered part of the "global procedure."
- Global Rate computed by combining TC and PC rates.



- Flat Rate Calculation.
- Applied TRICARE
   Reimbursement Formula.
- (Average Time Units + Base Units) x National Average Conversion Factor.
- 2020 Total Codes: 272.

## • 2020 Highlights

Overall Decrease of -.32%

CPT Code	20	20 Rate		Short De	escriptor		
00100	\$	322.37	ANESTH, SALIVARY GLA	.ND			
00102	\$	256.43	NESTH, REPAIR OF CLER	T LIP			
00103	\$	208.92	NESTH, BLEPHAROPLAS	STY			
00104	\$	115.00	NESTH, ELECTROSHOCK	(			
00120	\$	279.74	NESTH, EAR SURGERY				
00124	\$	154.52	NESTH, EAR EXAM	NESTH, EAR EXAM			
00126	S	140.76	NESTH, TYMPANOTOMY	NESTH, TYMPANOTOMY			
00140	\$	204.70	NESTH, PROCEDURES O	N EYE			
00142	S	139.87	NESTH, LENS SURGERY				
00144	S	261.76	NESTH, CORNEAL TRAN	ISPLANT			
00145	S	262.87	NESTH, VITRECTOMY		Flat Rate		
00147	\$	176.06	NESTH, IRIDECTOMY		Calculation		
00148	\$	160.74	NESTH, EYE EXAM		Carcaración		
00160	\$	242.66	ANES,NOSE/ACC SINUS;N	IOS			
00162	\$	456.91	ANES,NOSE/ACC SINUS;F	ADICL SR	G		
00164	\$	197.37	NESTH, BIOPSY OF NOS	E			
00170	\$	232.89	NESTH, PROCEDURE ON	NESTH, PROCEDURE ON MOUTH			
00172	\$	424.05	NESTH, CLEFT PALATE REPAIR				
00174	\$	344.79	NES,EXC RETROPHARYNGEAL TUMOR				
00176	\$	799.04	NES,INTRAORAL;RADICAL SURGERY				
00190	\$	316.37	NESTH, FACIAL BONE S	URGERY			
00192	\$	397.19	NESTH, FACIAL BONE S	URGERY			



- 2019 Full Rate: \$260.86.

- 2020 Full Rate: \$269.26.

## 2020 Highlights

Overall Increase of +3.22%

Ambulance Codes Assigned a Rate					
A0426	A0428	A0433			
A0427	A0429	A0999			



- The updated Defense Health Agency CY20 Guidelines for Dental Procedure Codes,
   Surgical Procedure Codes, and Dental Weighted Values serves to define each
   dental procedure performed in military treatment facilities.
- Contains "D" Codes (i.e. D0411).
- Contains "W" Codes (i.e. W0141)
  - W Codes are DoD Specific but non-billable. They replaced Dental A-codes so as not to cause confusion with standard HCPCS A-codes.

#### 2020 Highlights

- Overall increase of +3.32%.
- Added 45 new codes, 18 revised codes, 9 deleted codes.
- 794 total Dental codes.



- Expenses allocated for equipment and supplies.
- Based On:
  - CMS Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics/Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule.
  - Purchased Care Data.



- International Military Education & Training (IMET).
- Interagency Outpatient Rates (IOR).
- 2020 Highlights

Type of Discount	Discounted Services Except Ambulance and Dental	Ambulance Services	Dental Services	Applicable PATCAT
IMET	0.6364	0.6364	0.4643	Misc.
IOR	0.9458	0.9458	0.9511	Misc.
IOR	0.9458	0.9458	0.9511	K611
IOR	0.8000	0.8000	0.8000	K612



- 1<sup>st</sup> Priority CMAC TRICARE Provided Rates (Released Quarterly).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority Purchased Care Allowable Amounts (Previous Fiscal Year).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Priority MEPRS Based Flat Rate.
  - 2019 Flat Rate: \$65.11.
  - 2020 Flat Rate: \$67.21 (Increased by 3.22%).

### 2020 Highlights

- 89 New Codes, 9 Deleted Codes.
- Sourcing priority process addition to phase very low percentage usage codes:
  - 1. TRICARE Rate
  - 2. Purchased Care Prior Year
  - 3. Historical 5 Year Purchased care average for increase/decrease greater than 30%
  - 4. For codes assigned a flat rate in prior year, and no PSC data prior year, assign MEPRS flat rate.
  - 5. For codes set to zero per historical zero prior year without PSC data prior year, set to zero.
  - 6. Remaining codes without prior year PSC data utilize a tiering system to make a rate determination based on prior year historical purchased care.



- 2020 Process by Sourcing Priority
- Historical Purchased Care Pull for Outlier Rates +/-30% variance.





### **ABACUS Mapping Table**

- Contains specific code ranges that maps to various applicable modifiers, claim forms and indicates which rate table to find the charge.
  - CPT®/HCPCS driven.

### **DMIS ID Mapping Table**

 The Defense Medical Information System Identifier (DMIS ID) Mapping Table is used as a way of standardizing both medical and military facility identification and cost/workload classification.

## **Revenue Mapping Table**

- Identifies the CPT®/HCPCS procedure, supply, drug code, description and available revenue centers.
  - Revenue center code informs the payer where the procedure was performed.

### **Modifier Mapping Table**

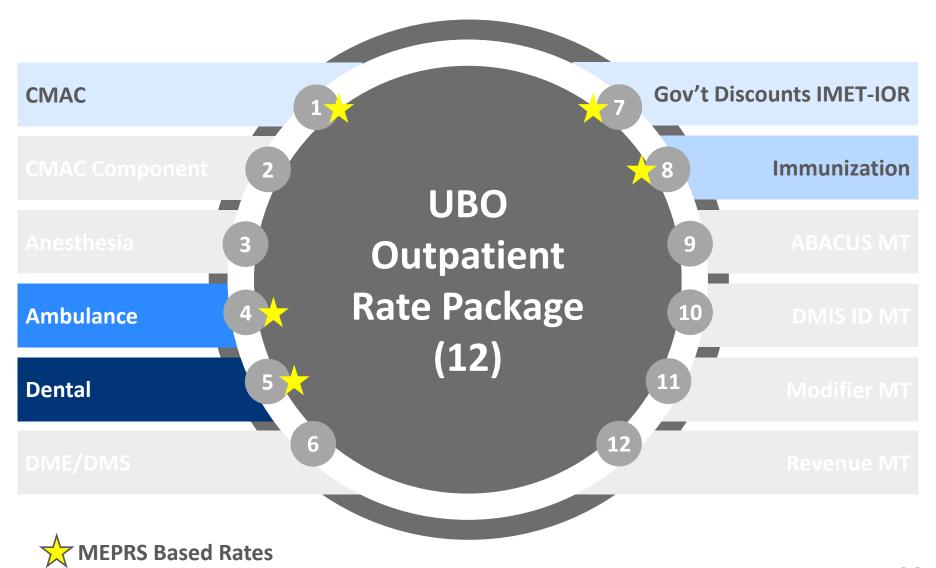
- Contains a list of modifiers that can be attached to specific ranges of codes and which rate table to find the charge in.
  - Modifier driven to identify applicable code ranges.
  - Released with the annual CPT®/HCPCS codes update.



#### CY 2020 in the ABACUS Mapping Table to accommodate Inherently Bilateral codes

- Modifier -50 has historically been allowably mapped to all codes within applicable code ranges although several inherently bilateral codes fall within these ranges.
- It is important to note that if an inherently bilateral code has modifier -50 included it will lead to further coding issues for any ancillary codes that are not filtered through CCE for coders to review and correct.
- Logic in the mapping table uses a multiplier to increase the rate for codes appended with a -50 mod.
- Codes that are inherently bilateral (their procedure description implies performing the procedure to both sides of the body) should not be appended with a -50 mod, as the rate already accounts for the procedure for left and right in the same operative session.
- Change split new Radiology ranges to negate the -50 mod multiplier when used on inherently bilateral Rad codes.







### Medical Expense Program Reporting System (MEPRS) Based Rates

- Annual adjustment for the following rates:
  - CMAC Ambulatory Procedure Visit (APV)
  - Ambulance
  - Dental
  - Immunization (Specific)
  - Government Discounts IMET-IOR
- CY20 Development Cycle
  - MEPRS data was again not mature during the CY20 outpatient rates development cycle, thus, codes adjusted with MEPRS data were developed using an alternative method.
    - Alternative Method: O&M Inflation Factor (+3.22%) was used as the CY20 annual adjustment in place of MEPRS per PO decision.



### **Computation & Burdening Factors**

- Factors and percentages used as adjustments/plus ups in the Outpatient rate development process.
- Six (6) Main Factors
  - Asset Use Recoup depreciation and interest costs.
  - GSUR Costs Retirement health benefits and life insurance.
  - Military Pay Military pay raise percentage from the annual presidential budget.
  - Civilian Pay Civilian pay raise percentage from the annual presidential budget.
  - DMDC Factor Military medical personnel salary expenses.
  - Defense Health Plan Growth Annual budget growth percentage.



- Final Approval of the CY20 OP Rates Policy Package has not yet been approved at the time of this presentation.
- OP billing on hold in ABACUS until the updated rates are approved, files are loaded in ABACUS and ready to be used for dates of service after July 1, 2020 when the final approval is received.
- Leave claims in place in the Patient Billing screen of ABACUS, errors should read "Rate not Found."
- Upon approval ABACUS will reprocess these stopped claims due to the missing rates and new rates applied to the process for billing retroactive to July 1, 2020.



### **CY20 Outpatient Rates Summary**

- 2020 Outpatient Rate package is **NOT YET** effective.
  - DHA UBO rates are developed to accommodate Military Health Systems billing systems and solutions.
  - Outpatient rates are developed by the DHA UBO for each outpatient encounter, service, procedure, or supply provided at a MTF.
- Formatted and sorted specifically for DHA UBO.
- Comprised of 12 rate components.
  - Four (4) of which are Mapping Tables.



## **Service Rate Requests**





### **Service Rate Requests**

24 requests for a rate assignment in CY20.

### **Assigning Rates per Service Requests:**

- Rates assigned if TRICARE provided a rate.
- Rates assigned according to Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC)
   charges or Purchased Care allowable amounts.
- Rates not assigned for:
  - Case management codes.
  - Codes on the Government No Pay list.
  - Non-billable codes.



## **2020 Service Rate Requests**

Rate	Service	File	Description	
71045	RAD	CMAC	Radiologic examination, chest; single view	
71046	RAD	CMAC	Radiologic examination, chest; 2 views	
78499	RAD	Lab andMisc: APC assigned rate)	Unlisted cardiovascular procedure, diagnostic nuclear medicine	
90471	OPE	CMAC	Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)	
90750	IMM	IMM	Zoster (shingles) vaccine (HZV), recombinant, subunit, adjuvanted, for intramuscular use	
97110	OPE	CMAC	Therapeutic procedure, 1 or more areas, each 15 minutes; therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance, range of motion and flexibility	
97140	OPE	CMAC	Manual therapy techniques (eg, mobilization/ manipulation, manual lymphatic drainage, manual traction), 1 or more regions, each 15 minutes	
99024	OPE	CMAC	Postoperative follow-up visit, normally included in the surgical package, to indicate that an evaluation and management service was performed during a postoperative period for a reason(s) related to the original procedure	
99442	OPE	СМАС	Telephone evaluation and management service provided by a physician or other qualified health care professional who may report evaluation and management services provided to an established patient, parent, or guardian not originating from a related E/M service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an E/M service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment; 11-20 minutes of medical discussion	
0208T	OPE	Gov't No Pay List	Pure tone audiometry (threshold), automated; air only	
0503F	OPE	Gov't No Pay List	Noninvasive estimated coronary fractional flow reserve (FFR) derived from coronary computed tomography angiography datausing computation fluid dynamics physiologic simulation software analysis of functional data to assess the severity of coronaryartery disease; analysis of fluid dynamics and simulated maximal coronary hyperemia, and generation of estimated FFR model	
2028F	OPE	Gov't No Pay List	Foot examination performed (includes examination through visual inspection, sensory exam with monofilament, and pulseexam - report when any of the 3 components are completed) (DM)	
3085F	OPE	Gov't No Pay List	Suicide risk assessed (MDD, MDD ADOL)	
3353F	OPE	Gov't No Pay List	Mild to moderate depressive symptoms as categorized by using a standardized depression screening/assessment tool (MDD)	
3511F	OPE	Gov't No Pay List	Patient (or caregiver) queried about sleep disturbances (Prkns)	
4328F	OPE	Gov't No Pay List	Patient (or caregiver) queried about sleep disturbances (Prkns)	
A0433	AMB	Ambulance	Advanced life support, level 2 (als 2)	
A4465	DME	DME	Non-elastic binder for extremity	
J7301	IMM	IMM	LEVONORGESTREL-RELEASING INTRAUTERINE CONTRACEPTIVE SYSTEM , (SKYLA), 13.5 MG	
C1780	OPE	Lab and Misc.: PSC assigned rate	Lens, intraocular (new technology)	
C1785	OPE	Lab and Misc.: PSC assigned rate	Pacemaker, dual chamber, rate-responsive (implantable)	
G0515	OPE	EXPIRED	Development of cognitive skills to improve attention, memory, problem solving (includes compensatory training), direct (one-on-one) patient contact, each 15 minutes	
S9441	OPE	Gov't No Pay List	Asthma education, non-physician provider, per session  Patient education, not otherwise classified, non-physician provider, individual, per session	
S9445	OPE	Gov't No Pay List	Patient education, not otherwise classified, non-physician provider, individual, per session	



## **Process for Requesting Rates for Procedure Codes**

- 1) Service/MTF/billing office identifies the CPT®/HCPCS procedure code that is not included in the DHA UBO rates file.
- 2) Draft a written explanation telling why the code(s) should be applied a charge, the date(s) of service, the number of times and specific details of when/how the code is being used are all helpful.
- 3) Submit request with justification to Service/NCR MD Program Manager.
- 4) Service/NCR MD Program Manager forwards the written explanation and/or supporting documentation to the DHA UBO Helpdesk with a request for pricing.
  - ☐ Use "DHA UBO Special Price Request" in the subject line.
- 5) The pricing request will be forwarded to the appropriate SME for verification.
  - ☐ If confirmed that there is no DHA UBO current rate, a recommendation for an Out-of-Cycle (OOC) rate update may be considered.
  - ☐ SME determines the recommended rate structure and charge to apply, if any.
  - ☐ SME submits the recommended charge and supporting justification/documentation (including no charge if insufficient justification and documentation) to the PO for review and approval.
- 6) Upon PO approval, charges are updated and submitted to be included in the next rates cycle OOC update.



## **DHA UBO Inpatient Rates**





- Inpatient rates Billing inpatient medical services at MTFs.
  - Each inpatient MTF has an Adjusted Standardized Amount (ASA).
- Effective rates for FY 2020 Inpatient Billing Rates.
  - October 1, 2019 until superseded.



# **MAC Rates**





- MAC rates Same as DHA UBO Inpatient Adjusted Standardized Amounts (ASAs) and Outpatient rates but for liability insurance.
  - Automobile.
  - Homeowners and renters.
  - General casualty.
  - Medical malpractice.
  - Workers' compensation.
- Approved by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and published in the Federal Register (FR).
- Based on date(s) of service.
- Pharmacy rates do not require OMB approval.
- MAC collections are reported on a monthly basis.



## **Determining Which Rate File to Use for MAC Claims**

- Determine Date(s) of Service.
- Find CMAC locality according to DMIS ID.
- Look up CPT®/HCPCS code for rate.
- Refer to UBO website to determine which file to use.
- Follow Service/NCR MD specific guidelines for filing MAC claims.



# **Outpatient MAC Rates**

MAC Claims Date of Service	Rate File to Use		
Pending Publication	CY18 Outpatient Rates		
January 24, 2018 –  ** Will remain in effect until further notice	CY17 Outpatient Rates		
March 3, 2016 – January 23, 2018	CY15 Outpatient Rates		
November 18, 2014 – March 3, 2016	CY14 Outpatient Rates		
October 22,2013 – November 17, 2014	CY13 Outpatient Rates		
November 19, 2012 -October 21,2013	CY12 Outpatient Rates		
November 21, 2011 - November 18, 2012	CY11 Outpatient Rates		
March 21, 2011 - November 20, 2011	CY10 Outpatient Rates		
December 15, 2009 - March 20, 2011	CY09 Outpatient Rates		

**Link**: <a href="https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/Billing/Medical-Affirmative-Claims">https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/Billing/Medical-Affirmative-Claims</a>



# **Inpatient MAC Rates**

MAC Claims Date of Service	Rate File to Use		
Pending Publication	FY19 ASA Inpatient Rates		
January 24, 2018 -  ** Will remain in effect until further notice	FY18 ASA Inpatient Rates		
September 16, 2015 - January 23, 2018	FY15 ASA Inpatient Rates		
June 12, 2014 - September 15, 2015	FY14 ASA Inpatient Rates		
April 11, 2013 - June 11, 2014	FY13 ASA Inpatient Rates		
March 21, 2011 - April 10, 2013	FY11 ASA Inpatient Rates		
May 5, 2010 - March 20, 2011	FY10 ASA Inpatient Rates		
January 15, 2009 - May 4, 2010	FY09 ASA Inpatient Rates		

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# **COVID-19 Updates and CY20 Impacts**





#### COVID-19 Updates:

- TRICARE has updated pricing to accommodate additional lab tests and related codes
- MHS has updated code tables twice: once April 1 and a second time July 1 to accommodate code updates from CMS and AMA for COVID-19 procedures and diagnosis
- Resulting in two different rate updates from DHA UBO, and two different sets of files, not including new codes updated January 1, 2020.
  - First update April 1, 2020: included COVID-19 codes 87635, U0001, U0002
  - Second update July 1, 2020 (normal CY update): included COVID-19 codes 86328, 86769, G2023, G2024
- ABACUS COVID-19 Billing Guidance document, distributed to all UBO Service PMs



# **Billing Tips & Reminders**



## **Industry Updates**

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) updates CPT®/HCPCS codes on a quarterly basis.
- The American Medical Association (AMA) updates CPT®/HCPCS codes annually, effective 1 January.
- TRICARE updates CPT®/HCPCS codes annually.

## **DHA UBO Updates**

- DHA UBO Outpatient rates: New CY20 CMAC codes were approved prior to standard annual effective date, were assigned a rate in this year's process effective January 1, 2020. Remaining CY20 package still to be effective July 1, 2020 once approved.
  - Can only bill if there is a DHA UBO rate associated with an effective code so this allowed billing for new CPT®/HCPCS codes from the CMAC file.
  - DHA UBO rates cannot be applied retroactively.
- Proper PATCAT assignment drives applicable rate structure and code assignment.



- Claim formats that are used in the MHS are based on encounter services provided, payer requirements, and Service and NCR MD billing policies.
- Government may not collect more than the total charge from any one source or combination of sources.
- If total payment exceeds the billed amount, MTF must refund the overage.

#### Institutional - Hospital charges

#### **Professional - Provider charges**

Health Plan/Policy	Institutional	Bill format	Professional	Bill format	Cost Recovery Program
Private insurance	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	TPC, MSA, MAC
Employer Group Health Plan	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	TPC, MSA, MAC
High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	N/A
Health Savings Account (HSA)	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Flexible Spending Account (FSA)	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Association or Organization Health Plan	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MAC
No fault automobile insurance	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MAC
Third party automobile liability	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MSA
Medicare Supplemental Plan	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MSA
Workers' Compensation Plan (non-federal employee)	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837/CMS1500	MSA
Workers' Compensation Plan (federal employee)	No	DD7/DD7A	No	DD7/DD7A	MSA
Workers' Compensation Plan (DoD employee)	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
TRICARE Supplement	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Income (wage) Supplement	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Other/Special Coverage Group	Yes	8371/UB-04	Yes	837P/CMS1500	TPC, MSA, MAC
None (pay patient)	Yes	Invoice/receipt	Yes	Invoice/receipt	TPC, MAC



## **Inpatient Special Circumstance Rates**

- Family Member Rate (FMR): Inpatient per diem rate charged to active duty family members not enrolled in TRICARE Prime and all retiree family members whose care is not reimbursed by a third party payer.
  - Does not apply to:
    - Beneficiaries with OHI.
- Food Service Charge at Appropriated Fund Dining Facilities or Standard Rate (Subsistence SR): charges cover the basic cost of food.
  - Does not apply to:
    - Active duty or Retired Personnel.
    - Patients whose OHI covers any portion of the IP encounter or any other amount paid by a third party payer to the MTF.
    - Inpatient cadets and midshipmen.
  - MTF dining hall charges must be applied to any individual in a non-inpatient status (e.g., OBS or APV).



# Health.Mil & Launchpad Navigation





# **Accessing UBO Information Online**

- DHA UBO information is maintained on Health.mil and Launchpad.
  - Health.mil is a public site.
  - Launchpad is a CAC user restricted access.



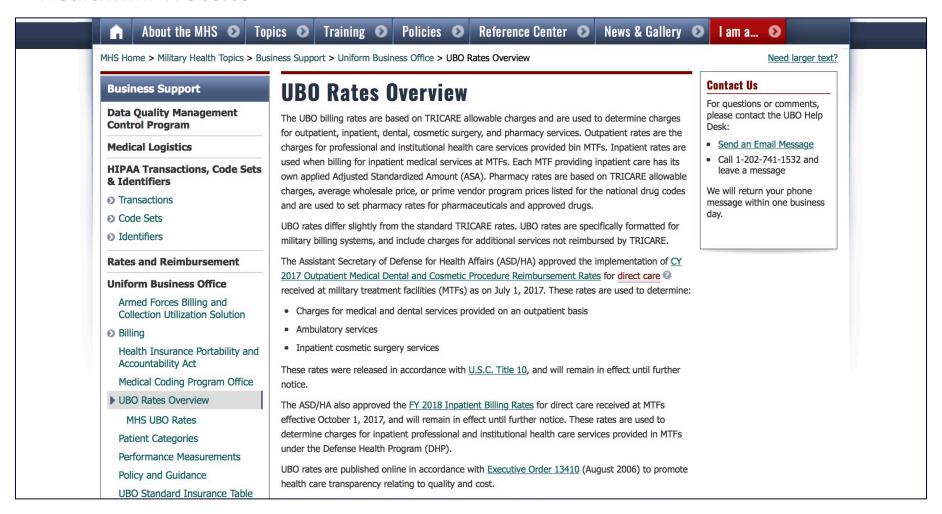
#### **Health.mil Website**



Link: http://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office



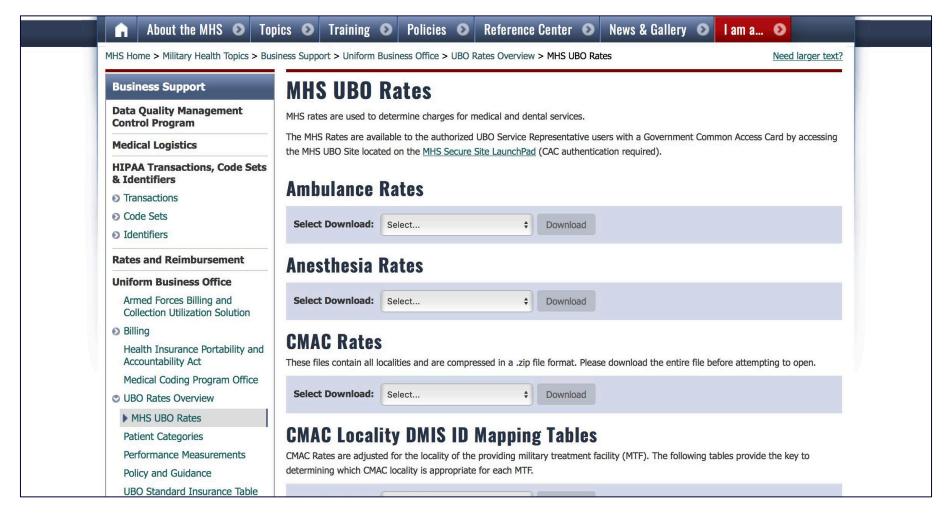
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Link: <a href="https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/UBO-Rates-Overview">https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office/UBO-Rates-Overview</a>



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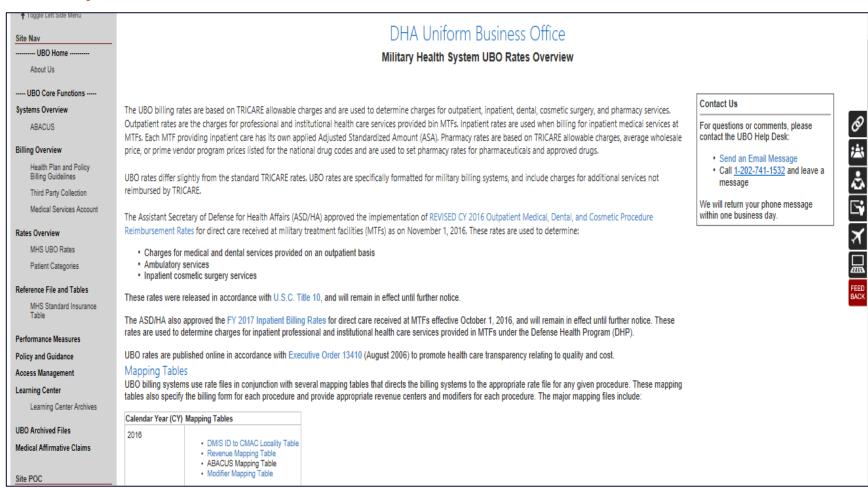
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- DHA UBO Launchpad Website
   (https://info.health.mil/bus/brm/ubo/SitePages/Home.aspx)
  - Access restricted to CAC holders.
  - Note\*\*\* Users without a CAC may still request files using the DHA UBO Helpdesk.
- The following information is available on Launchpad:
  - Rates (Outpatient, Inpatient, MAC, Pharmacy, Deployed Forces, VA-DoD).
  - Pricing Calculators (VA-DoD, Cosmetic Surgery Estimator, Pharmacy).
  - Institutional and Professional Charges for Health Plan and Policy Billing Guidelines.
  - PATCAT Table.
  - Publications.
  - Archived Webinars (Past 5 years).
  - UBO Manual, DoD Policies, User Guide.
  - Compliance Toolkit including template.



## Launchpad



**Link**: <a href="https://info.health.mil/bus/brm/ubo/SitePages/Home.aspx">https://info.health.mil/bus/brm/ubo/SitePages/Home.aspx</a>



# **DHA UBO Helpdesk Q&A**





- 1) "I'm trying to locate CPT XXXX or HCPCS XXXX, but cannot seem to find this code, or no rate is attached. Please assist."
  - DHA UBO Helpdesk Response: There is not currently a rate assigned to code
     XXXX. Please submit the below justification information for a rate request:
    - Date of service
    - Number of times used
    - Specific details of when/how the code is being used
    - Any further written justification of why a rate should be assigned



- 2) Where are the TRICARE CMAC rates? I do not see them on the UBO Web site.
  - DHA UBO Helpdesk Response: TRICARE CMAC rates are available on the Health.mil Web site under the "Rates and Reimbursement" (http://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Rates-and-Reimbursement) section. These rates are used to recover the cost of healthcare services provided by MTFs that abides by DoD/VA Resource Sharing agreements. These rates are different than the DHA UBO CMAC rates which are based on TRICARE CMAC rates, but are formatted for military billing systems and include charges for additional services not reimbursed by TRICARE.
- 3) Where can I find MAC billing rates from previous years?
  - DHA UBO Helpdesk Response: MAC rates are same as DHA UBO Inpatient
    Adjusted Standardized Amounts (ASA) and Outpatient rates, but must first be
    approved by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and published in the
    Federal Register (FR)
  - You can find the appropriate MAC rates under "UBO Archived Rates" on the DHA
     UBO Launchpad. Select the appropriate rate file according to the date(s) of service for MAC billing.



# Questions?

