

Ambulatory Surgery Center Payment System, Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Physician Fee Schedule

Medicare has made some significant changes to its Ambulatory Surgery Center payment system (ASC) [Table 1], Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) [Table 2] and Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for 2016. In the charts below, we have identified some of the most significant changes. We have chosen to focus on changes greater than or equal to \$100 for ASC and OPPS from 2015 to 2016. There were no changes to the PFS that met this criteria. If you have questions about specific information in this document, or perhaps something you do not see in this document, please do not hesitate to contact our reimbursement team at 800.468.1379 or reimbursement@cookmedical.com.

Table 1: Changes in Ambulatory Surgery Center Reimbursement for Procedures of Interest

CPT Code	Procedural Description	2016 Ambulatory Surgery Center Fee Schedule	2015 Ambulatory Surgery Center Fee Schedule	Payment Difference
33215	Repositioning of previously implanted transvenous pacemaker or implantable defibrillator (right atrial or right ventricular) electrode	\$482.30	\$863.61	(\$381.31)
33234	Removal of transvenous pacemaker electrode(s); single lead system, atrial or ventricular	\$1,392.20	\$1,286.19	\$106.01
33235	Removal of transvenous pacemaker electrode(s); dual lead system	\$1,392.20	\$1,286.19	\$106.01
33249	Insertion or replacement of permanent implantable defibrillator system, with transvenous lead(s), single or dual chamber	\$26,657.76	\$27,212.08	(\$554.32)
33273	Repositioning of previously implanted subcutaneous implantable defibrillator electrode	\$1,392.20	\$1,286.19	\$106.01

NOTE: This is not an all-inclusive list of procedural code changes.

Table 2: Changes in Hospital Outpatient Reimbursement for Procedures of Interest

CPT Code	Procedural Description	2016 Hospital Outpatient Payment	2015 Hospital Outpatient Payment	Payment Difference
33215	Repositioning of previously implanted transvenous pacemaker or implantable defibrillator (right atrial or right ventricular) electrode	\$862.51	\$1,576.05	(\$713.54)
33234	Removal of transvenous pacemaker electrode(s); single lead system, atrial or ventricular	\$2,489.69	\$2,347.24	\$142.45
33235	Removal of transvenous pacemaker electrode(s); dual lead system	\$2,489.69	\$2,347.24	\$142.45
33244	Removal of single or dual chamber implantable defibrillator electrode(s); by transvenous extraction	\$2,489.69	\$2,347.24	\$142.45
33249	Insertion or replacement of permanent implantable defibrillator system, with transvenous lead(s), single or dual chamber	\$30,489.78	\$30,818.44	(\$328.66)
33272	Removal of subcutaneous implantable defibrillator electrode	\$2,489.69	\$2,347.24	\$142.45
33273	Repositioning of previously implanted subcutaneous implantable defibrillator electrode	\$2,489.69	\$2,347.24	\$142.45

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