

Total Medical Expenses and Relative Prices
Technical Call Summary
April 11 - 14, 2011

Monday, April 18, 2011 Technical Call Rescheduled for Tuesday, April 19

- The technical call scheduled for April 18 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 19, 2011.
- The call will take place at 1pm on the same number and pass code as usual.

TME Calculations

- Payers will receive the calculations from their file submissions within one day of submitting into INET.
- To view the calculations and obtain the certification sheet, payers will need to log in to INET and print their return report. *A separate notification will not be sent.*

Revised Data Specification Manual for Relative Price

- An updated DSM for Relative Price will be posted on the Division's website early next week.

Naming Conventions for Relative Price

- There are two different notations for the file names of Relative Price files.
 - HOS – will be used to denote hospital reporting files
 - The HOS file must only contain data fields relevant to hospital reporting
 - PG – will be used to denote physician group and other provider group files
 - The PG file must only contain only data fields relevant to physician group or other provider group reporting
 - Note that since physician group and other provider group data will be for different reporting years, the Division will be able to distinguish between your June 1 physician group report and June 30 other provider report.

Breakdown of Non-Claims Payments

- Non-claims payments should be reported in aggregate for groups who do not meet the reporting threshold. No further breakdown is required for the aggregate line.
- Non-claims payments will be allocated by provider, insurance category and product type.
 - Payers will only report the total non-claims payment allocation. The Division will provide the methodology for allocating non-claims payments.

HMO and POS Combined to Single Product Type

- The HMO and POS product types have been combined into one product type for reporting of Relative Prices. See Table C in the revised Data Specification Manual for more detail.

Different Payment Units between Insurance Categories

- Payers may use different payment units to derive service multipliers across insurance categories, as long as the payment unit is consistent within each insurance category for all product types.

Hospital Groupings

- Payers should send requests to tmerp@state.ma.us if there are hospitals they feel should be grouped into a different category than what is reported on the Division's website.