

TABLE 50: CY 2018 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	\$93,149	0%	0%	0%	0%
ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY	\$247	0%	-3%	0%	-3%
ANESTHESIOLOGY	\$2,018	-1%	0%	0%	-1%
AUDIOLOGIST	\$66	0%	0%	0%	0%
CARDIAC SURGERY	\$312	0%	0%	0%	0%
CARDIOLOGY	\$6,705	0%	-1%	0%	1%
CHIROPRACTOR	\$779	0%	1%	0%	1%
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST	\$762	0%	2%	0%	2%
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	\$670	0%	3%	0%	3%
COLON AND RECTAL SURGERY	\$167	0%	0%	0%	0%
CRITICAL CARE	\$334	0%	0%	0%	0%
DERMATOLOGY	\$3,485	0%	1%	0%	1%
DIAGNOSTIC TESTING FACILITY	\$773	0%	-4%	0%	-4%
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	\$3,191	0%	0%	0%	0%
ENDOCRINOLOGY	\$480	0%	0%	0%	0%
FAMILY PRACTICE	\$6,350	0%	0%	0%	0%
GASTROENTEROLOGY	\$1,801	0%	0%	0%	0%
GENERAL PRACTICE	\$458	0%	0%	0%	0%
GENERAL SURGERY	\$2,170	0%	0%	0%	0%
GERIATRICS	\$212	0%	0%	0%	0%
HAND SURGERY	\$201	0%	0%	0%	0%
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	\$1,809	0%	0%	0%	0%
INDEPENDENT LABORATORY	\$690	0%	-1%	0%	-1%
INFECTIOUS DISEASE	\$656	0%	0%	0%	1%
INTERNAL MEDICINE	\$11,107	0%	0%	0%	0%
INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MGMT	\$834	0%	0%	0%	0%
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	\$360	0%	0%	0%	0%
MULTISPECIALTY CLINIC/OTHER PHYS	\$140	0%	0%	0%	0%
NEPHROLOGY	\$2,270	0%	0%	0%	0%
NEUROLOGY	\$1,554	0%	0%	0%	0%
NEUROSURGERY	\$811	0%	0%	0%	0%
NUCLEAR MEDICINE	\$50	0%	0%	0%	0%
NURSE ANES / ANES ASST	\$1,243	-2%	0%	0%	-2%
NURSE PRACTITIONER	\$3,566	0%	0%	0%	0%
OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY	\$662	0%	0%	0%	0%
OPHTHALMOLOGY	\$5,498	0%	1%	0%	0%
OPTOMETRY	\$1,269	0%	0%	0%	0%
ORAL/MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY	\$57	0%	-1%	0%	-1%
ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	\$3,801	0%	0%	0%	0%
OTHER	\$29	0%	0%	0%	0%
OTOLARNGOLOGY	\$1,237	0%	-1%	0%	-2%
PATHOLOGY	\$1,154	0%	0%	0%	-1%
PEDIATRICS	\$64	0%	0%	0%	0%
PHYSICAL MEDICINE	\$1,112	0%	0%	0%	0%
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	\$3,807	1%	-2%	0%	-2%
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	\$2,242	0%	0%	0%	0%
PLASTIC SURGERY	\$384	0%	0%	0%	1%

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PODIATRY	\$1,994	0%	1%	0%	1%
PORTABLE X-RAY SUPPLIER	\$102	0%	1%	0%	1%
PSYCHIATRY	\$1,247	0%	1%	0%	1%
PULMONARY DISEASE	\$1,761	0%	0%	0%	0%
RADIATION ONCOLOGY AND RADIATION THERAPY CENTERS	\$1,745	0%	1%	0%	1%
RADIOLOGY	\$4,896	0%	0%	0%	0%
RHEUMATOLOGY	\$554	0%	1%	0%	1%
THORACIC SURGERY	\$358	0%	0%	0%	0%
UROLOGY	\$1,777	0%	0%	0%	-1%
VASCULAR SURGERY	\$1,125	0%	-1%	0%	-1%

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

2. CY 2018 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. The estimated impacts for some specialties, including behavioral health specialists, radiation oncology, and podiatry, reflect increases relative to other physician specialties. These increases can largely be attributed to increases in value for particular services following the recommendations from the American Medical Association (AMA)'s Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC) and CMS review and the change in allocation of indirect practice expense RVUs for office-based, face-to-face behavioral health services.

The estimated impacts for several specialties, including diagnostic testing facilities, allergy/immunology, physical/occupational therapy, otolaryngology, anesthesiology, and nurse anesthetists reflect decreases in payments relative to payment to other physician specialties as a result of revaluation of individual procedures reviewed by the AMA's RUC and CMS, decreases in relative payment as a result of the updates to prices for particular medical supplies, and