

Impact Table: Specialty impacts for 2012 are displayed in Table 84 of the rule, reprinted below. Table 84 does not show the impact of the -27.4 percent SGR cut. Major policy changes for which impacts are displayed in the table are:

- the third year of a four-year transition to revised practice expense values, with the “Tran” column showing the 2012 impact and the “Full” column showing the total impact over the remaining years of the transition;
- a secondary effect of reweighting relative value scale components to match the MEI weights which occurred last year and involves reallocating 2012 indirect practice expenses;
- multiple procedure reductions for 119 imaging services which redistributes \$50 million; and
- RUC recommendations related to identification and review of misvalued work and practice expense relative values, redistributing more than \$200 million within the payment schedule.

TABLE 84: CY 2012 PFS FINAL RULE WITH COMMENT PERIOD TOTAL ALLOWED CHARGE ESTIMATED IMPACT FOR RVU AND MPPR CHANGES*

(A) Specialty	(B) Allowed Charges (in millions)	(C) Impact of Work and MP RVU Changes	(D) (E) Impact of PE RVU Changes		(F) (G) Combined Impact	
			Full	Tran	Full	Tran
TOTAL	\$83,313	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY	\$196	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%
ANESTHESIOLOGY	\$1,756	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
CARDIAC SURGERY	\$386	0%	-2%	-2%	-3%	-2%
CARDIOLOGY	\$6,808	0%	-3%	-1%	-3%	-2%
COLON AND RECTAL SURGERY	\$147	0%	3%	2%	3%	1%
CRITICAL CARE	\$255	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
DERMATOLOGY	\$2,950	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	\$2,677	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	-1%
ENDOCRINOLOGY	\$416	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
FAMILY PRACTICE	\$5,689	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
GASTROENTEROLOGY	\$1,852	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
GENERAL PRACTICE	\$655	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
GENERAL SURGERY	\$2,285	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
GERIATRICS	\$203	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%
HAND SURGERY	\$123	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	\$1,922	0%	-1%	0%	-1%	0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASE	\$601	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
INTERNAL MEDICINE	\$10,826	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MGMT	\$450	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	-2%
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	\$208	-1%	-3%	-1%	-4%	-2%
MULTISPECIALTY CLINIC/OTHER	\$91	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
NEPHROLOGY	\$2,022	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
NEUROLOGY	\$1,533	0%	3%	2%	3%	1%
NEUROSURGERY	\$650	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%
NUCLEAR MEDICINE	\$54	0%	-3%	-1%	-3%	-1%
OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY	\$679	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
OPHTHALMOLOGY	\$5,328	0%	3%	2%	3%	1%
ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	\$3,584	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
OTOLARNGOLOGY	\$1,003	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
PATHOLOGY	\$1,129	0%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-1%
PEDIATRICS	\$68	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
PHYSICAL MEDICINE	\$933	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
PLASTIC SURGERY	\$343	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%
PSYCHIATRY	\$1,154	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
PULMONARY DISEASE	\$1,769	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-2%
RADIATION ONCOLOGY	\$1,981	0%	-10%	-6%	-10%	-6%
RADIOLOGY	\$4,716	-1%	-4%	-2%	-5%	-3%
RHEUMATOLOGY	\$528	0%	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%

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THORACIC SURGERY	\$369	-1%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-2%
UROLOGY	\$1,925	0%	-3%	-2%	-3%	-2%
VASCULAR SURGERY	\$745	0%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-1%
AUDIOLOGIST	\$57	1%	-8%	-5%	-7%	-4%
CHIROPRACTOR	\$752	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST	\$567	0%	-5%	-3%	-5%	-3%
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	\$394	0%	-6%	-3%	-6%	-3%
DIAGNOSTIC TESTING FACILITY	\$839	0%	-8%	-3%	-8%	-3%
INDEPENDENT LABORATORY	\$1,057	0%	-3%	-1%	-3%	-1%
NURSE ANES / ANES ASST	\$738	0%	3%	2%	3%	2%
NURSE PRACTITIONER	\$1,385	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
OPTOMETRY	\$990	0%	4%	2%	4%	2%
ORAL/MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY	\$44	0%	3%	2%	3%	2%
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERA	\$2,349	0%	6%	4%	6%	4%
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	\$1,021	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
PODIATRY	\$1,921	0%	4%	2%	4%	2%
PORTABLE X-RAY SUPPLIER	\$99	0%	5%	4%	5%	4%
RADIATION THERAPY CENTERS	\$74	0%	-11%	-6%	-11%	-6%
OTHER	\$18	0%	3%	3%	3%	3%

* Table 84 shows only the payment impact on PFS services. We note that these impacts do not include the effects of the January 2012 conversion factor change under current law.