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Medicare Increases Rates for ECP Therapy for 2008

Medicare Increases Rates for ECP Therapy for 2008 unlike most other cardiology services, Medicare has increased reimbursement payment rates for ECP therapy for 2008. The new rates, recently published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), are effective immediately for the first six months of 2008 and result in a new national average physician fee payment level of \$156.16 per session for ECP therapy

--- An increase of 6.2% over the 2007 payment rate. This increase results in a total national average physician fee payment rate of \$5,465.60 for a typical 35-hour course of therapy. Changes in the national average physician fee payment for 2008 were a result of the rollback of the planned decrease in the physician dollar conversion factor and an increase in the practice expense portion of the Relative Value Units for ECP therapy.

The national average reimbursement rate for ECP therapy administered in the hospital outpatient setting also increased for 2008 to \$109.47 per session, or 2.3% higher than the rate for 2007. This increase results in a national average hospital outpatient payment rate of \$3,831.45 for a typical 35-hour course of therapy. Medicare payment rates for physicians and hospitals are adjusted according to a provider's location within the United States.