

Medicare Rates Under the New Schedule

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services today published the final 2003 conversion factor. The final rule averts the proposed 4.4 percent reduction in Medicare payments and implements a 1.6 percent increase effective March 1, 2003. All physicians and practitioners now have until April 14, 2003, to make their 2003 Medicare participation decision. Practitioners should also be aware that logistics with Medicare carriers need to be worked out and there may be lag time in payment adjustments.

Below is a comparison of 2002 and 2003 average Medicare payments for sleep medicine services:

CPT Code	2002 Payment (Conversion Factor: \$36.20)	2003 Payment (Conversion Factor: \$36.78)
95805	\$293.58	\$710.96
-26	\$95.57	\$96.36
-TC	\$198.01	\$614.59
95806	\$227.70	\$223.62
-26	\$82.90	\$83.49
-TC	\$144.80	\$140.13
95807	\$461.91	\$517.13
-26	\$82.17	\$82.76
-TC	\$379.74	\$434.37
95808	\$457.21	\$595.47
-26	\$135.03	\$135.72
-TC	\$322.18	\$459.75
95810	\$757.30	\$783.05
-26	\$177.74	\$178.75
-TC	\$579.56	\$604.30
95811	\$777.58	\$807.69
-26	\$190.77	\$192.36
-TC	\$586.80	\$615.33