

## **Anesthesia Work, Practice Expense (PE), and Malpractice (MP) Shares**

As we discussed in the CY 2011 Physician Fee Schedule final rule with comment period that was published in the **Federal Register** on November 29, 2010 [75 FR 73283 through 73284], anesthesia services do not have RVUs like other PFS services. Therefore, we account for any necessary RVU adjustments through an adjustment to the anesthesia conversion factor to simulate changes to RVUs. More specifically, if there is an adjustment to the work, PE, or malpractice RVUs, these adjustments are applied to the respective shares of the anesthesia CF as these shares are proxies for the work, PE, and malpractice RVUs for anesthesia services.

Recently, it has come to our attention that a number of stakeholders have individually requested that CMS provide the anesthesia work, PE, and malpractice shares resulting from the necessary RVU adjustments made for CY 2011. To accommodate these requests and to make this information publicly available to all stakeholders, we are posting the anesthesia shares herein. Accordingly, for CY 2011, the adjustments to the work, PE, and malpractice RVUs for anesthesia services, as discussed in the CY 2011 Physician Fee Schedule final rule with comment period and the subsequent Correction Notice (on display at the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2010), result in the following:

CY 2011 Anesthesia Work Share: 0.7792

CY 2011 Anesthesia Practice Expense Share: 0.1319

CY 2011 Anesthesia Malpractice Share: 0.0889

Furthermore, for information purposes, the work, PE, and malpractice shares resulting from the necessary RVU adjustments made for CY 2010 were the following:

CY 2010 Anesthesia Work Share: 0.8253

CY 2010 Anesthesia Practice Expense Share: 0.1055

CY 2010 Anesthesia Malpractice Share: 0.0692

Finally, we have received numerous questions from stakeholders regarding the CY 2011 national anesthesia conversion factor resulting from the enactment of the Medicare and Medicaid Extensions Act (MMEA) of 2010. The calculation of the CY 2011 national anesthesia conversion factor is illustrated in the following table.

December 2010 National Anesthesia Conversion Factor		\$21.5696
MMEA “Zero Percent Update”	0.0 percent (1.000)	
Anesthesia Adjustment (which includes the RVU Budget Neutrality Adjustment of 1.0043 and the Rescaling to Match MEI Weights Budget Neutrality Adjustment of 0.9175)	-2.4 percent (0.975979)	
CY 2011 National Anesthesia Conversion Factor		\$21.0515