

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS

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SITE-OF-SERVICE PAYMENT DIFFERENTIAL TO BE UPDATED MARCH 6, 2017

Highmark Blue Shield is revising its site-of-service payment differential, effective March 6, 2017. The 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule was used as the basis for the annual payment differential update. Highmark selects the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule available at the point in time necessary for calculating fees in a timely manner.

The updates to Highmark's fees for professional services performed in a facility setting will account for changes Medicare makes to the payment differential for services performed in a facility, compared to services performed in a non-facility setting.

As expected, the Medicare differential has increased or decreased for some services in 2017. And because Highmark applies this differential when calculating UCR, Premier Blue Shield, and all derivatives allowances, Highmark's fees for professional services provided in a facility setting may experience an increase or a decrease.

You can always find fee information on NaviNet®. The fee changes noted above will be viewable on March 6, 2017. Once the adjustments are in effect, you can use the following methods to view them:

- **NaviNet**
Hover on **Allowance** and then select **Allowance Inquiry** to determine pricing for specific procedure codes by plan or product type.
- **NaviNet**
Hover on **Allowance** and then select **Frequently Billed Codes**. This function initiates a report request that allows you to more quickly retrieve the most frequently billed codes based on the specialty represented by the selected billing provider and plan.
- **NaviNet's Provider Resource Center**
Download the full Premier Blue Shield fee schedule by clicking **Administrative Reference Materials** and then selecting **Fee Schedule Information**.

Please share this information with your billing staff and/or vendor. If your practice doesn't have NaviNet access, please visit the NaviNet website at navinet.net for assistance.

