

## CMS Finalizes 2022 Physician Fee Schedule Rate for Transplantation and Other Physicians' Services

CMS has finalized policy and payment changes for the 2022 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). The final rule includes minimal changes in the Relative Value Units (RVUs) for transplant procedures; however, because the conversion factor (used to “convert” RVUs into payment rates) will be reduced (to **\$33.5983**), Medicare payment for transplant procedures will decrease if the final rule is implemented without Congressional intervention. A chart setting forth the changes (in RVUs and payment rates) for transplant procedures accompanies this notice (see below).

The conversion factor reduction results from the need to maintain budget neutrality for increases in Medicare payment for evaluation and management (E&M) services resulting from revaluation of these services. These E&M RVU increases were implemented this year, but Congress mitigated the impact of the reduction this year. ASTS is joining with other professional societies to convince Congress to mitigate the impact of the conversion factor reduction in 2022 as well.

### 2021 RVUs Compared to Final 2022 RVUs for Transplantation

CPT <sup>1</sup> / HCPCS	Description	Final RVUs 2022	Final RVUs 2021	Diff	% Diff RVUs	2022 (F) \$	2021 (F) \$	Diff 2021- 2022
32851	Lung transplant, single	95.96	96.21	-0.25	0%	\$ 3,224.09	\$ 3,357.07	\$ (132.97)
32852	Lung transplant with bypass	104.02	105.19	-1.17	-1%	\$ 3,494.90	\$ 3,670.41	\$ (175.51)
32853	Lung transplant, double	134.02	134.24	-0.22	0%	\$ 4,502.84	\$ 4,684.05	\$ (181.21)
32854	Lung transplant with bypass	142.07	142.39	-0.32	0%	\$ 4,773.31	\$ 4,968.43	\$ (195.12)
33935	Transplantation, heart/lung	144.61	144.85	-0.24	0%	\$ 4,858.65	\$ 5,054.27	\$ (195.62)
33945	Transplantation of heart	142.49	142.60	-0.11	0%	\$ 4,787.42	\$ 4,975.76	\$ (188.33)
47122	Extensive removal of liver	102.10	101.47	0.63	1%	\$ 3,430.39	\$ 3,540.60	\$ (110.22)
47125	Partial removal of liver	91.48	91.18	0.30	0%	\$ 3,073.57	\$ 3,181.55	\$ (107.98)
47130	Partial removal of liver	98.14	98.07	0.07	0%	\$ 3,297.34	\$ 3,421.97	\$ (124.63)
47135	Transplantation of liver	159.98	159.24	0.74	0%	\$ 5,375.06	\$ 5,556.38	\$ (181.32)
47140	Partial removal, donor liver	106.20	105.79	0.41	0%	\$ 3,568.14	\$ 3,691.34	\$ (123.20)
47141	Partial removal, donor liver	126.95	126.45	0.50	0%	\$ 4,265.30	\$ 4,412.23	\$ (146.93)
47142	Partial removal, donor liver	139.51	139.32	0.19	0%	\$ 4,687.30	\$ 4,861.31	\$ (174.01)
47146	Prep donor liver/venous	9.72	9.68	0.04	0%	\$ 326.58	\$ 337.77	\$ (11.19)
47147	Prep donor liver/arterial	11.29	11.28	0.01	0%	\$ 379.32	\$ 393.59	\$ (14.27)
48552	Prep donor pancreas/venous	6.99	6.97	0.02	0%	\$ 234.85	\$ 243.20	\$ (8.35)
48554	Transpl allograft pancreas	77.53	76.90	0.63	1%	\$ 2,604.88	\$ 2,683.28	\$ (78.40)
50320	Remove kidney, living donor	45.24	44.95	0.29	1%	\$ 1,519.99	\$ 1,568.44	\$ (48.46)
50327	Prep renal graft/venous	6.41	6.40	0.01	0%	\$ 215.37	\$ 223.32	\$ (7.95)
50328	Prep renal graft/arterial	5.62	5.59	0.03	1%	\$ 188.82	\$ 195.05	\$ (6.23)
50329	Prep renal graft/ureteral	5.32	5.32	0.00	0%	\$ 178.74	\$ 185.63	\$ (6.89)
50340	Removal of kidney	28.58	28.37	0.21	1%	\$ 960.24	\$ 989.92	\$ (29.68)
50360	Transplantation of kidney	72.21	71.89	0.32	0%	\$ 2,426.13	\$ 2,508.46	\$ (82.33)
50365	Transplantation of kidney	86.13	85.43	0.70	1%	\$ 2,893.82	\$ 2,980.92	\$ (87.10)
50370	Remove transplanted kidney	36.15	35.99	0.16	0%	\$ 1,214.58	\$ 1,255.80	\$ (41.22)
50380	Reimplantation of kidney	60.68	60.21	0.47	1%	\$ 2,038.74	\$ 2,100.91	\$ (62.17)