

Important Information for Medicare Patients. Proposed 2027 Changes to Same-Day Care.

CMS Proposal: Payment Changes for Same-Day Office Visits and Procedures

CMS is considering a Medicare payment change for 2027 that could affect patients who need an office visit and a procedure on the same day.

Under the proposal, Medicare would pay the full amount for the higher-cost service but reduce payment for the additional service by 50% when certain visits and procedures are provided on the same day by the same physician or medical practice.

CMS believes this change would account for costs that may overlap when services are performed during the same visit. However, physician organizations are concerned that reduced payment could make it more difficult for practices to provide evaluation and treatment at the same appointment.

This is only a proposal and has not yet been finalized. It is important that your voice is heard. Please consider contacting your U.S. Senators and Representative to let them know how this proposed change could affect your access to timely, same-day care.

How This Could Affect Patients

Additional Appointments

Some practices may choose to schedule a procedure on a different day from the office visit rather than provide both services during the same appointment. This could include procedures such as joint or soft-tissue injections, cortisone injections, aspirations, biopsies, and other minor office-based procedures that might otherwise be safely and conveniently performed during your initial visit.

Potential Added Costs

A separate appointment may involve additional copays or coinsurance, transportation expenses, parking costs, and time away from work or family responsibilities.

Possible Treatment Delays

When a second visit is needed, medically appropriate treatment may occur later than it otherwise would have during a same-day visit.

Convenience & Access

Extra visits may be especially difficult for patients with transportation needs, mobility limitations, caregiving responsibilities, or long travel distances.



A Message From Michigan Surgery Specialists

Michigan Surgery Specialists is committed to timely, patient-centered care. We believe patients should understand proposed Medicare policies that may affect how office visits and procedures are scheduled. Our goal is to provide medically appropriate care as efficiently and conveniently as possible while complying with Medicare requirements.

Your Voice Matters

CMS is accepting public comments on the proposed 2027 Physician Fee Schedule through September 14, 2026. Patients and members of the public may review the proposal and submit their own comments. When commenting, reference CMS-1848-P.

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