

2022 Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Changes: Are you Ready?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released the proposed rule for the 2022 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. Below **we highlight four proposals that could, if fully passed, have a significant impact on medical groups in 2022 and beyond.**

Don't hesitate to reach out to contactus@ancorehealth.com for assistance in evaluating how your practice can improve performance in the ever-changing healthcare landscape.

Conversion Factor Decline

The conversion factor **declines 3.75%** to \$33.58. This decrease is driven by the **expiration of temporary congressional funding** provided in 2021.

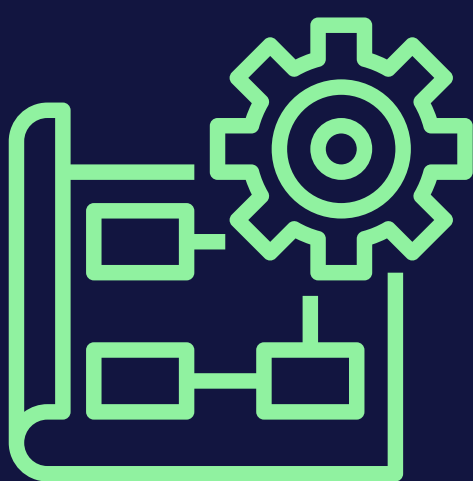


Shared E/M VISITS Expansion

All E&Ms are eligible for shared visits. Guidance for shared visits is **time-based**: the provider who spends more than half of the time with the patient should submit the claim. **SNF settings and critical care services are eligible** for shared visits.

Telehealth Reimbursement Extension

Telehealth E&M reimbursement continues **through the end of 2023**, with the potential to be permanent.



Quality Payment Program Redesign

QPP thresholds increase in 2022, reducing the number of providers receiving incentive payments. **MIPS Value Pathways** (MVPs) begin in 2023. MVPs replace the current one-size-fits-all model, which would **simplify provider decision-making** and provide clear direction based on practice type.