

What is Multiple procedure payment reduction (MPPR)?

Multiple procedure payment reduction, often referred to as MPPR, is a payment policy designed to avoid duplicate payment for the practice expense when multiple procedures, or multiple units of the same procedure (per CPT code), are furnished to the same patient on the same date of service.

The procedure with the highest practice expense value that day is 100% reimbursed. The practice expense values for subsequent codes are reduced when multiple therapy services are billed to the same patient on the same day. The work and malpractice components of the therapy service payment are not reduced.

For Medicare beneficiaries, the reduction in payment for subsequent codes is 50% for providers in all outpatient settings. Nonfederal entities, such as commercial and workers' compensation payers and commercial contractors for Medicare Advantage, may follow CMS in implementing MPPR or apply a variation in payment reduction.