

## CMS ISSUES 2025 MEDICARE HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM FINAL RULE

On November 1, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Medicare payment rates for hospital outpatient services for calendar year (CY) 2025. Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS), hospital reimbursement is based on Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APCs). CMS assigns CPT and HCPCS codes to an APC based on clinical and resource use similarity. All services in an APC are reimbursed at the same rate.

Key 2025 policies include:

- CMS updates the HOPPS payment rates by 2.9 percent overall in 2025.
- New APC assignments for 2 of the 6 new Magnetic Resonance (MR) Examination Safety procedure codes to higher paying APCs in the final rule.
- New HCPCS G-codes for biology guided radiation therapy G0562 & G0563 assigned to New Technology APCs, which replace the current HCPCS codes C9794 & C9795.
- Six brachytherapy sources designated as Low Volume APCs.
- Separate payment for diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals with a per day cost greater than \$630.
- CMS is changing the current review timeframe for prior authorization requests for hospital outpatient department services from 10-business days to 7-calendar days for standard reviews.
- CMS adopts the Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality for Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT) in Adults (Hospital Level – Outpatient) measure, beginning with the voluntary CY 2025 reporting period and mandatory reporting beginning with the CY 2026 reporting period/CY 2028 payment determination.

### Summary of 2025 Radiation Oncology HOPPS Payments

APC	Description	CPT Codes	2024 Payment	2025 Payment	Payment Change 2024-2025	Percentage Change 2024-2025
5611	Level 1 Therapeutic Radiation Treatment Preparation	77280, 77299, 77300, 77331, 77332, 77333, 77336, 77370, 77399	\$129.28	\$132.77	\$3.49	2.7%
5612	Level 2 Therapeutic Radiation Treatment Preparation	77285, 77290, 77306, 77307, 77316, 77317, 77318, 77321, 77334, 77338	\$352.05	\$366.07	\$14.02	4.0%
5613	Level 3 Therapeutic Radiation Treatment Preparation	32553, 49411, 55876, 77295, 77301, C9728	\$1,320.21	\$1,368.26	\$48.05	3.6%
5621	Level 1 Radiation Therapy	77401, 77402, 77789, 77799	\$114.25	\$109.50	(\$4.75)	-4.2%
5622	Level 2 Radiation Therapy	77407, 77412, 77600, 77750, 77767, 77768, 0394T	\$256.06	\$262.98	\$6.92	2.7%
5623	Level 3 Radiation Therapy	77385, 77386, 77423, 77470, 77520, 77610, 77615, 77620, 77761, 77762	\$560.87	\$578.47	\$17.60	3.1%
5624	Level 4 Radiation Therapy	77605, 77763, 77770, 77771, 77772, 77778, 0395T	\$683.13	\$693.81	\$10.68	1.6%
5625	Level 5 Radiation Therapy	77522, 77523, 77525	\$1,351.62	\$1,275.51	(\$76.11)	-5.6%
5626	Level 6 Radiation Therapy	77373	\$1,700.12	\$1,755.91	\$55.79	3.3%
5627*	Level 7 Radiation Therapy	77371, 77372, 77424, 77425	\$7,419.64	\$7,644.49	\$224.85	3.0%

\*Comprehensive APC