

## DATA REQUIREMENTS - PRICING RECORD DATA

### DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

<b>ELEMENT NAME: CATEGORY OF CARE FOR CONVERSION FACTOR</b>			
<b>RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS</b>			
<b>RECORD NAME</b>	<b>LOCATOR#</b>	<b>OCCURRENCES</b>	<b>REQUIRED</b>
Pricing	4-035	1	Yes <sup>1</sup>
<b>PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)</b> One (1) alphanumeric character.			
<b>DEFINITION</b> Code identifying the type of conversion factor by care type.			
<b>CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS</b>		A	Anesthesia Conversion Factor
		B	By report (no conversion factor, no area prevailing)
		M	Medical Conversion Factor
		P	Pathology Conversion Factor
		R	Radiology Conversion Factor
		S	Surgical Conversion Factor
<b>ALGORITHM</b> N/A			
<b>SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS</b>			
<b>SUBORDINATE</b>		<b>GROUP</b>	
N/A		N/A	
<b>NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b>			
<sup>1</sup> Must be blank on prevailing records.			

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ELEMENT NAME: CLASS OF PROVIDER

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-015	1	Yes <sup>1</sup>

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Two (2) alphanumeric characters.

**DEFINITION** Code to identify those exceptions to requirements governing development of profiles on a non-specialty basis.

CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS		
	01	<b>Physician Class</b> - Medical, MD, DOs, Podiatrists, Oral Surgeons, Optometrists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, Physical Therapists, Audiologists, and Psychologists
	02	<b>Psychologists Class</b> - PHDs, Psychologists (as of 10/01/2000 this class became part of class 01)
	03	<b>Mental Health Class</b> - Social workers, pastoral counselors, marriage and family counselors, mental health counselors and psychiatric nurse practitioners
	04	<b>Medical Class</b> - Others not included in '01', '02', '03' or '05'
	05	Chiropractor

**ALGORITHM** N/A

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

<sup>1</sup> Must be used when different prevailing fees or conversion amounts are developed for different classes of providers. If developed for only one class of provider, report only in appropriate class.

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**ELEMENT NAME: CONVERSION AMOUNT**

**RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS**

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-030	1	Yes <sup>1</sup>

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Seven (7) signed numeric digits including 2 decimal places.

**DEFINITION** Monetary amount derived from Relative Value Unit and Conversion Factor to be used when a prevailing fee has not been established.

**CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS** N/A

**ALGORITHM** Medical Relative Value Unit (RVU) times appropriate conversion factor for the procedure code. Appropriate conversion factor is based on whether the procedure code is a Medical, Radiology, Surgical or Laboratory procedure code.

**SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS**

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

**NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

<sup>1</sup> This field is only required when pricing is based on the conversion factor methodology, but is not applicable for anesthesia services. Code zeroes for anesthesia conversion records, all area prevailing and by report records.

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ELEMENT NAME: **CONVERSION FACTOR**

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-032	1	Yes <sup>1</sup>

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Five (5) numeric digits including 2 decimal places.

**DEFINITION** Conversion Factor used by the contractor when no prevailing fee is available and allowable amount is based on the State and Category of Care.

**CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS** Must be valid dollar amount calculated by contractor.

**ALGORITHM** Refer to the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual, Chapter 3, Section 1 (for contractors) for instructions on the use of conversion factors. All conversion factors must be the same for the same Category of Care and State.

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

<sup>1</sup> This field is required when the pricing is based on the conversion factor methodology. Code zeroes on area prevailing and by report pricing records.

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ELEMENT NAME: **RELATIVE VALUE UNIT**

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-033	1	Yes <sup>1</sup>

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Five (5) numeric digits including 2 decimal places.

**DEFINITION** Unit that reflects the value of the service, the time spent, materials used and the economics of the provider's practice for medical services. (These would be similar to the California Relative Value Studies (CRVS) from the California Medical Association, but updated to reflect current medical practices.)

**CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS** If Category of Care for Conversion Factor = 'A' (Anesthesia), report base unit value in this field.

**ALGORITHM** N/A

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

<sup>1</sup> This field is required when the pricing is based on the conversion factor methodology. Code zeroes on area prevailing and by report pricing records.

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**ELEMENT NAME: MEDICARE ECONOMIC INDEX PRICE**

**RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS**

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-040	1	Yes <sup>1</sup>

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Seven (7) signed numeric digits including 2 decimal places.

**DEFINITION** Monetary amount derived from application of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) to prevailing fee or conversion amount.

**CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS** N/A

**ALGORITHM** N/A

**SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS**

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

**NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

<sup>1</sup> This field is required for all procedures subject to MEI requirements. Code zeroes if not applicable.

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**ELEMENT NAME: PREVAILING FEE**

**RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS**

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-025	1	Yes <sup>1</sup>

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Seven (7) signed numeric digits including 2 decimal places.

**DEFINITION** Prevailing fee for the procedure code.

**CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS** Must be numeric.

**ALGORITHM** N/A

**SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS**

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

**NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

<sup>1</sup> Code zeroes on conversion and by report pricing records.

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DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

**ELEMENT NAME:** PRICING EFFECTIVE DATE

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-050	1	Yes

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Eight (8) alphanumeric characters, YYYYMMDD.

**DEFINITION** Effective date of the data on the Pricing record.

CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS		
	YYYY	4 digit calendar year
	MM	2 digit calendar month
	DD	2 digit calendar day

**ALGORITHM** N/A

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

**NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

N/A



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ELEMENT NAME: PRICING PROFILE

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-045	1	Yes <sup>1</sup>

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Two (2) alphanumeric characters.

**DEFINITION** Number identifying the pricing period used to determine the allowable charge.

CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS		
15 = 15 Profile	01/01/1995 - 01/31/1995	
95 = 95 Profile	02/01/1995 - 12/31/1995	
16 = 16 Profile	01/01/1996 - 01/31/1996	
96 = 96 Profile	02/01/1996 - 12/31/1996	
17 = 17 Profile	01/01/1997 - 02/28/1997	
97 = 97 Profile	03/01/1997 - 12/31/1997	
18 = 18 Profile	01/01/1998 - 01/31/1998	
98 = 98 Profile	02/01/1998 - 07/31/1998	
28 = 28 Profile	08/01/1998 - 12/31/1998	
19 = 19 Profile	01/01/1999 - 01/31/1999	
99 = 99 Profile	02/01/1999 - 01/31/2000	
00 = 00 Profile	02/01/2000 - 01/31/2001	
01 = 01 Profile	02/01/2001 - 01/31/2002	
02 = 02 Profile	02/01/2003 - 03/31/2003	
03 = 03 Profile	04/01/2003 - 99/99/9999	

**ALGORITHM** N/A

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

<sup>1</sup> Required on all pricing records, including conversion.

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DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: PRICING STATE OR COUNTRY CODE

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-005	1	Yes

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Three (3) alphanumeric characters.

**DEFINITION** Code assigned to identify the state or foreign country for which the pricing data was established. State codes will be left justified and blank filled to the right.

**CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS** Reference [Chapter 2, Addendum A](#) and [Addendum B](#).

**ALGORITHM** N/A

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

**NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

N/A

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DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: PROCEDURE CODE

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-010	1	Yes

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** Five (5) alphanumeric characters.

**DEFINITION** Code indicating the procedure to which the pricing data applies.

**CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS** Physician's Current Procedure Terminology<sup>1</sup> (CPT-4) or TMA approved codes ([Chapter 2, Addendum E](#)). HCPCS National Level II codes.

**ALGORITHM** N/A

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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**ELEMENT NAME:** RECORD TYPE INDICATOR

**RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS**

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-001	1	Yes

**PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)** One (1) alphanumeric character.

**DEFINITION** Code to indicate the type of record.

**CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS**                      4                      Pricing

**ALGORITHM** N/A

**SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS**

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

**NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

N/A

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**ELEMENT NAME:** TYPE OF PRICING SERVICE

**RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS**

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-020	1	Yes
<b>PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)</b> Two (2) alphanumeric characters.			
<b>DEFINITION</b> Code to indicate type of service to which pricing data applies.			
<b>CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS</b>			
	01	Professional Component	
	02	Technical Component	
	03	Medical	
	04	Surgery	
	05	Professional and Technical Combined	
	07 <sup>1</sup>	Psychotherapy	
	08 <sup>1</sup>	Psychotherapy (inpatient only)	
	09	Anesthesia	

**ALGORITHM** N/A

**SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS**

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

**NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

<sup>1</sup> Codes '07' and '08' are not valid for psychiatric code conversion pricing records; use code '03' (Medical).

