

PRICING RECORD DATA

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: CATEGORY OF CARE FOR CONVERSION FACTOR			
RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-050	1	Yes ¹
PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)	One (1) alphanumeric character.		
DEFINITION	Code identifying the type of conversion factor by care type.		
CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS	M	Medical Conversion Factor	
	A	Anesthesia Conversion Factor	
	R	Radiology Conversion Factor	
	P	Pathology Conversion Factor	
	S	Surgical Conversion Factor	
	B	By report (no conversion factor, no area prevailing)	
ALGORITHM	N/A		
SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS			
SUBORDINATE	GROUP		
N/A	N/A		
NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:			
¹ Must be blank on prevailing records.			

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: CLASS OF PROVIDER

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-020	1	Yes ¹
PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)	Two (2) alphanumeric digits.		
DEFINITION	Code to identify those exceptions to requirements governing development of profiles on a non-specialty basis.		
CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS	01	Physician Class - Medical, MD, DOs, Podiatrists, Oral Surgeons, Optometrists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, Physical Therapists, Audiologists, and Psychologists	
	02	Psychologists Class - PHDs, Psychologists (as of 10/01/2000, this class became part of class 01)	
	03	Mental Health Class - Social workers, pastoral counselors, marriage and family counselors, mental health counselors and psychiatric nurse practitioners	
	04	Medical Class - 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:

¹ 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.

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: CONVERSION AMOUNT			
RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-035	1	Yes ¹
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:			
¹ This field is only required when pricing is based on the conversion factor methodology, but is not applicable for anesthesia services. Code zeros for anesthesia conversion records, all area prevailing and by report records.			

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: CONVERSION FACTOR

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-045	1	Yes ¹

PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT) Five (5) signed 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 [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:

¹ This field is required when the pricing is based on conversion factor methodology. Code zeros on area prevailing and by report pricing records.

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION**ELEMENT NAME: MEDICARE ECONOMIC INDEX PRICE**

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-051	1	Yes ¹
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:

¹ This field is required for all procedures subject to MEI requirements. Code zeros if not applicable.

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: PREVAILING FEE

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-030	1	Yes ¹

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 For instructions on prevailing charges, refer to **TRICARE Reimbursement Manual, Chapter 3, Section 1** (for contractors).

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

¹ Code zeros on conversion and by report pricing records.

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION**ELEMENT NAME: PRICING EFFECTIVE DATE**

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-055	1	Yes
PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)	Eight (8) numeric digits, 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

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: PRICING PROFILE

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-052	1	Yes ¹
PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)	Two (2) alphanumeric digits.		
DEFINITION	Number identifying the pricing period used to determine the allowable charge. Refer to the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual.		
CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS	88 = 88 Profile	10/01/1987 - 01/31/1989	
	89 = 89 Profile	02/01/1989 - 12/31/1989	
	11 = 11 Profile	01/01/1990 - 03/31/1990	
	90 = 90 Profile	04/01/1990 - 10/06/1991	
	91 = 91 Profile	10/07/1991 - 04/30/1992	
	92 = 92 Profile	05/01/1992 - 02/28/1993	
	93 = 93 Profile	03/01/1993 - 10/31/1993	
	14 = 14 Profile	11/01/1993 - 03/31/1994	
	94 = 94 Profile	04/01/1994 - 12/31/1994	
	15 = 15 Profile	01/01/1995 - 02/28/1995	
	95 = 95 Profile	02/01/1995 - 01/31/1996	
	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 = 98 Profile	01/01/1998 - 01/31/1998	
	98 = 98 Profile	02/01/1998 - 07/31/1998	
	28 = 98 Profile	08/01/1998 - 12/31/1998	
	19 = 99 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	02/01/2002 - 03/31/2003	

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

¹ Required on all pricing records, including conversion.

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION**ELEMENT NAME: PRICING PROFILE (CONTINUED)****CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS****(CONTINUED)** 03 = 03 Profile 04/01/2003 - 02/29/2004

04 = 04 Profile 03/01/2004 - 99/99/9999

ALGORITHM N/A**SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS****SUBORDINATE****GROUP**

N/A

N/A

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:¹ Required on all pricing records, including conversion.

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) Two (2) alphanumeric characters.

DEFINITION Code assigned to identify the state or foreign country for which the pricing data was established.

CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS Reference [Addendum A](#) and [Addendum B](#). Note exception below for California.

ALGORITHM N/A

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

N/A

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: PROCEDURE CODE			
RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-015	1	Yes
PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)	Five (5) alphanumeric digits.		
DEFINITION	Code indicating the procedure to which the pricing data applies.		
CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS	Physician's Current Procedure Terminology ¹ (CPT-4) or TMA approved codes (Figure 2-E-1).		
ALGORITHM	N/A		
SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS			
SUBORDINATE		GROUP	
N/A		N/A	

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: PROCEDURE TEXT IDENTIFIER

RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS

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

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

DEFINITION Code identifying the edition number of the Physician's Current Procedure Terminology used in determining the procedure codes on the pricing file.

CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS 4 CPT-4, TMA assigned codes.

8 ADA Codes

ALGORITHM N/A

SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS

SUBORDINATE	GROUP
N/A	N/A

NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

N/A

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: RECORD TYPE			
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			

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: RELATIVE VALUE UNIT			
RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-040	1	Yes ¹
PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)	Five (5) numeric digits, including two 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 = Anesthesia (A), 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:			
¹ This field is required when pricing is based on conversion factor methodology. Must be zeros on all area prevailing and 'by report' pricing records.			

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: TRANSACTION CODE			
RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-060	1	Yes ¹
PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)	One (1) alphanumeric character.		
DEFINITION	Code used to identify the type of processing to be done on the records.		
CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS	A	Add a record	
	M	Modify a record	
	I	Inactivate a record	
ALGORITHM	N/A		
SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS			
SUBORDINATE	GROUP		
N/A	N/A		
NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:			
¹ Refer to Chapter 1, Section 5, paragraph 3.0. , for instructions.			

DATA ELEMENT DEFINITION

ELEMENT NAME: TYPE OF PRICING SERVICE			
RECORDS/LOCATOR NUMBERS			
RECORD NAME	LOCATOR#	OCCURRENCES	REQUIRED
Pricing	4-025	1	Yes
PRIMARY PICTURE (FORMAT)	Two (2) alphanumeric characters.		
DEFINITION	Code to indicate type of service to which pricing data applies.		
CODE/VALUE SPECIFICATIONS	01	Professional Component	
	02	Technical Component	
	03	Medical	
	04	Surgery	
	05	Professional and Technical Combined	
	07 ¹	Psychotherapy	
	08 ¹	Psychotherapy (inpatient only)	
	09	Anesthesia	
	¹ Codes 07 and 08 are not valid for psychiatric code conversion pricing records; use code 03 (Medical).		
ALGORITHM	N/A		
SUBORDINATE AND/OR GROUP ELEMENTS			
SUBORDINATE	GROUP		
N/A	N/A		
NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:			
N/A			