

# Non - NCD

## Final Release of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

CMS recently issued an update to the Physician Fee Schedule that applies to the following service:  
**Pulmonary Rehab (PR), Cardiac Rehab (CR), and Intensive Cardiac Rehab (ICR)**

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after January 1, 2022**

Services affected	Additional information
<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) made changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Pulmonary Rehab (PR), Cardiac Rehab (CR), and Intensive Cardiac Rehab (ICR).</p>	<p>Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022, based on the final release of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, the conditions which determine coverage for Pulmonary Rehab (PR), Cardiac Rehab (CR), and Intensive Cardiac Rehab (ICR) have been updated.</p> <p>These conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removed PR requirement for direct physician-patient contact.</li> <li>• Expanded coverage of PR for patients who have confirmed or suspected COVID-19 and experience symptoms which include breathing issues for at least 4 weeks.</li> </ul>

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