

Guidance to MDPP Suppliers on Payment Transition

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Purpose of this Document: To help MDPP suppliers transition between the CY 2023 and CY 2024 payment schedules.

In the Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) published on November 16, 2023, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized that Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) suppliers may continue to offer the set of MDPP services virtually, using distance learning delivery, through December 31, 2027. As part of the final rule, CMS updated the MDPP payment structure with fee-for-service (FFS) payments for attendance while maintaining the weight loss performance payments.¹ All of these updates go into effect on January 1, 2024.

All claims with dates of service (DOS) on or before December 31, 2023 should follow the CY 2023 Fee Schedule (Table 2). All claims with DOS on or after January 1, 2024 should follow the CY 2024 Fee Schedule, claims must be submitted within one year from the DOS. MDPP suppliers with cohorts that started in 2023 and will end in 2024 are required to transition to the CY 2024 Fee Schedule (Table 1) for all DOS on or after January 1, 2024.

The following instructions and examples illustrate how to: count MDPP sessions attended CY 2023, calculate the MDPP services period, understand what happens when a CY 2023 claim is submitted out of sequence in CY 2024, and count the remaining sessions in CY 2024 for each MDPP participant.

NOTE: To limit the need for claims reprocessing and potential recoupment of payments made in error, MDPP suppliers should consider submitting their claims with DOS in CY 2023 as soon as possible. As a reminder, suppliers have 12 months from the date of service to submit a claim to their MACs.

Please contact the MDPP Supplier Support Center (<https://cmsorg.force.com/mdpp>) with any questions.

Table 1. CY 2024 MDPP Payment Schedule

HCPCS G-Code	Payment Description*	CY 2024
G9886*	Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, in-person, group, 60 minutes	\$25
G9887*	Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, distance learning, 60 minutes	\$25
G9880	5 percent weight loss achieved from baseline weight	\$145
G9881	9 percent weight loss achieved from baseline weight	\$25
G9888**	Maintenance 5 percent weight loss from baseline in months 7-12	\$8
G9890***	Bridge payment	\$25
Total Maximum Payment		\$768

*Medicare pays up to 22 sessions billed with codes G9886 and G9887, combined, in a 12-month period:

Months 1-6: 1 in-person or distance learning session every week (max 16 sessions)

Months 7-12: 1 in-person or distance learning session every month (max 6 sessions)

** MDPP suppliers must submit claim for 5 percent weight loss (G9880) prior to submitting claims for the maintenance 5 percent Weight Loss from baseline in months 7-12 (G9888).

***Note that the bridge payment does not count towards the 22 MDPP sessions payable in CY 2024.

¹ Read the CY 2024 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) (Final Rule) here: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-11-18/pdf/2022-23873.pdf>

Table 2. CY 2023 MDPP Payment Schedule

HCPCS G-Code	Payment Description	CY 2023
Core Sessions (Months 1-6)		
G9873	Attend 1 core session	\$38
G9874	Attend 4 core sessions	\$115
G9875	Attend 9 core sessions	\$191
Core Maintenance (CM) Sessions (Months 7-12)		
G9876	Attend 2 core maintenance sessions (no 5% weight loss) in months 7-9	\$76
G9877	Attend 2 core maintenance sessions (no 5% weight loss) in months 10-12	\$76
G9878	Attend 2 core maintenance sessions (5% weight loss) in months 7-9	\$101
G9879	Attend 2 core maintenance sessions (5% weight loss) in months 10-12	\$101
G9880	5% weight loss achieved from baseline weight	\$184
G9881	9% weight loss achieved from baseline weight	\$38
G9890	Bridge payment	\$38
G9891	Non-payable session code (This code is for reporting purposes only).	\$0
Ongoing Maintenance Sessions (Months 13-24)*		
G9882	Attend 2 ongoing maintenance sessions in months 13-15	\$57
G9883	Attend 2 ongoing maintenance sessions in months 16-18	\$57
G9884	Attend 2 ongoing maintenance sessions in months 19-21	\$58
G9885	Attend 2 ongoing maintenance sessions in months 22-24	\$58

*In the CY 2022 PFS, CMS removed the Ongoing Maintenance Sessions for those beneficiaries who started MDPP services on or after January 1, 2022.

Instructions for Mapping MDPP Session Counts Using the CY 2023 Payment Schedule

- For MDPP sessions with a DOS in CY 2023, count the payable G-codes as sessions attended:
 - G9873: *Attended 1 core session*
 - G9874: *Attended 4 core sessions*
 - MDPP suppliers will have submitted 2 non-payable G-codes (G9891) for sessions 2 and 3 prior to or with G9874.
 - G9874 is paying for sessions 2, 3, and 4.
 - G9875: *Attended 9 core sessions*
 - MDPP suppliers will have submitted 4 non-payable G-codes (G9891) for sessions 5-8 prior to or with G9875.
 - G9875 is paying for sessions 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.
 - There are no attendance-based performance payments for sessions 10-16 in the CY 2023 payment schedule. **Suppliers may or may not be submitting non-payable claims for those sessions.**
 - G9876 and G9878: *Attend 2 core maintenance sessions (G9876 no 5% weight loss/G9878 with 5% weight loss) in months 7-9*
 - Assumes core maintenance sessions in months 7-10, which includes sessions 17 and 18, and 19.
 - G9876 and G9878 assume attended sessions 17 and 18, with session 19 remaining.
 - G9877 and G9879: *Attend 2 core maintenance sessions (G9877 no 5% weight loss/G9879 with 5% Weight Loss) in months 10-12*
 - Assumes core maintenance sessions in months 10-12, which includes sessions 20, 21, and 22.
 - G9877 and G9879 assume attended sessions 20 and 21, with session 22 remaining.
 - G9880 is submitted before G9881 (claim with DOS for 5% weight loss achieved from baseline is submitted before the claim with DOS for 9% weight loss achieved from baseline).
 - G9878 assumes that beneficiary maintained 5% weight loss from baseline for sessions 17 and 18.
 - G9879 assumes that beneficiary maintained 5% weight loss from baseline for sessions 20 and 21.

Example 1: Calculating the MDPP Services period

On 02/13/2023, the MDPP supplier submits a claim for G9873 (CY 2023 Attend 1 core session) with DOS 02/08/2023. If there is no prior claim G9873 for this beneficiary, **then the MDPP services period is set from 02/08/2023 to 02/07/2024.** Only claims for MDPP services with a DOS on or between these dates are eligible for payment.

Example 2: Out of Sequence Claims

Table 3 below provides a hypothetical example of what would happen when a MDPP supplier submits a claim with a DOS in 2023, but out of sequence in CY 2024. In this example, on 03/01/2024, the supplier submitted a claim for G9886 (CY 2024 Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, in person) with a DOS on 02/01/2024. Since this supplier had not submitted and had a claim paid for G9873, G9886, or G9887 for this beneficiary, then this submission established the MDPP services period for this beneficiary as 02/01/2024 to 01/31/2025.

However, as Table 3 shows, on 04/01/2024 the supplier submitted a claim for G9873. Unlike G9886, this code is from the CY 2023 Fee Schedule and is for the performance-based milestone of attending the first MDPP core session. **Therefore, the MDPP services period would be recalculated based on the DOS for this submission of G9873. The new MDPP services period start date would be recalculated and set to 12/01/2023 to 11/30/2024.** Only MDPP services with a DOS within this time frame would then be paid.

Table 3. MDPP supplier submits a claim out of sequence that results in recalculation of the services period.

Date of claim submission	G-code	Description	DOS	MDPP services period (start and end dates)
03/01/2024	G9886	CY 2024 Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, in person	02/01/2024	02/01/2024 to 01/31/2025
04/01/2024	G9873	CY 2023 Attend 1 core session	12/01/2023	12/01/2023 to 11/30/2024

Example 3: Calculating the Number of MDPP Sessions Remaining in CY 2024 for a Beneficiary

In the hypothetical example illustrated in Table 4, on 02/13/2023, the MDPP supplier submitted a claim for G9873 (CY 2023 Attend 1 core session) with a DOS of 02/08/2023. Since there is no prior claim G9873 for this beneficiary, **the MDPP services period for this beneficiary was set from 02/08/2023 to 02/07/2024.**

As Table 4 shows, based on the above instructions for mapping the MDPP session counts for cohorts starting in 2023 and ending in 2024, **the beneficiary had attended the equivalent of 21 MDPP sessions by December 31, 2023, and has 1 potential MDPP core maintenance session remaining through the end of their MDPP services period in CY 2024 (01/01/2024 to 02/07/2024).** The supplier then submitted G9887 with a DOS of 01/26/2024 for this beneficiary, as well as a claim (G9888) for maintenance of 5% weight loss from baseline, also with a DOS of 01/26/2024. These claims would result in payment for the 22nd and final session payable for this beneficiary.

Note: In this example, the MDPP supplier did not submit a claim for the last core sessions (#15 and #16) available on or before the end of the 6-month MDPP core phase, which ended on 08/07/2023 for this beneficiary. Table 4 shows that with the submission of the claim for a non-payable session with a DOS of 08/11/2023 on 09/28/2023, the session number jumped to session 17, which served as the first session in the core maintenance phase of MDPP for this beneficiary (i.e., 08/08/2023 to 02/07/2024). On the same claim, the supplier included G9878 (CY 2023 Attend 2 core maintenance sessions with 5% weight loss in months 7-9). After this claim is paid, there would be 18 sessions considered paid, with 4 possible paid sessions remaining out of the 22 possible for this beneficiary.

A few important reminders:

- Effective January 1, 2024, every MDPP session delivered via distance learning (makeup or regular session) should use G9887. For claims with a DOS **on or after January 1, 2024, the Virtual Modifier (VM) shouldn't be included.**
- Given the CY 2024 payment schedule, which pays for attendance on a fee-for-service basis, suppliers are encouraged to schedule makeup sessions on a day other than a regularly scheduled session to avoid claims being rejected or denied by their MACs.

- G9880 and G9888 cannot have the same DOS. The DOS for G9880 must be before the first DOS for G9888.
- G9880 can only be billed with the same DOS as G9886 or G9887.
- G9888 can only be billed with the same DOS as G9886 or G9887.
- Claims with DOS on or after January 1, 2024 will be denied for the following G-codes: G9873, G9874, G9875, G9876, G9877, G9878, G9879, G9882, G9883, G9884, G9885
- For out-of-sequence claims, if those claims push the session limit over 22, then the out-of-sequence claim will be denied.

Table 4. MDPP supplier submits claims for a beneficiary who attended MDPP sessions in CY 2023 AND CY 2024

Date of claim submission	G-code	Description	DOS	session #	# paid sessions	# remaining paid sessions (out of 22)
02/13/2023	G9873	CY 2023 Attend 1 core session*	02/08/2023	1	1	21
03/19/2023	G9891	CY 2023 non-payable session code	02/15/2023	2	4	18
	G9891	CY 2023 non-payable session code	02/22/2023	3		
	G9874	CY 2023 Attend 4 core sessions	03/10/2023	4		
05/23/2023	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier (VM)	03/17/2023	5	9	13
	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier	04/07/2023	6		
	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier	04/14/2023	7		
	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier	05/05/2023	8		
	G9880VM	CY 2023 5% weight loss with the virtual modifier	05/05/2023	8		
	G9875VM	CY 2023 Attend 9 core sessions with the virtual modifier	05/19/2023	9		
08/15/2023	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier	05/26/2023	10	9**	13**
	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier	06/09/2023	11		
	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier	06/30/2023	12		
	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier	07/14/2023	13		
	G9881VM	CY 2023 9% weight loss with the virtual modifier	07/14/2023	13		
	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier	07/26/2023	14		
09/28/2023	G9891VM	CY 2023 non-payable session code with the virtual modifier	08/11/2023	17	18	4
	G9878	CY 2023 Attend 2 core maintenance sessions with 5% weight loss in months 7-9	09/08/2023	18		
01/31/2024	G9891	CY 2023 non-payable session code	10/06/2023	19	22	0
	G9891	CY 2023 non-payable session	11/17/2023	20		
	G9879	From CY 2023 Attend 2 core maintenance sessions with 5% weight loss in months 10-12	12/15/2023	21		
	G9887	CY 2024 Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, distance learning	01/26/2024	22		

Date of claim submission	G-code	Description	DOS	session #	# paid sessions	# remaining paid sessions (out of 22)
	G9888	CY 2024 maintenance of 5% weight loss in months 7-12	01/26/2024	22		

*Blue-colored font reflects claims with a DOS in CY 2023 (paid based on CY 2023 Fee Schedule) and green-colored font reflects claims with a DOS in CY 2024 (paid based on the CY 2024 Fee Schedule).

**Non-payable sessions with CY 2023 DOS do not contribute to the paid sessions count after the CY 2024 fee schedule takes effect. Only the paid attendance-based performance payments with CY 2023 DOS are counted to determine the number of remaining sessions payable for a beneficiary as of January 1, 2024. In CY 2024, if a supplier submits a claim for an attendance-based performance payment with a 2023 DOS, the count of paid sessions is recalculated to reflect the number reached by that milestone.