

Medical and Dental Practices Current Standard Charges

PUBLIC POSTING OF STANDARD CHARGES ON WEBSITES OF FREESTANDING OUTPATIENT SURGICAL CENTERS

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The Minnesota Legislature passed legislation in 2023 requiring hospitals and certain medical and dental practices to post standard charges on their websites ([Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.826](#)).

The legislature directed the Commissioner of Health to specify the way these health care entities make the information available to the public on their websites.

Effective dates

Freestanding outpatient surgical centers must comply with the requirement to post data by **January 1, 2025**.

Required file format and content for medical and dental practices

Public standard charges—the regular negotiated rate established by a freestanding outpatient surgical center for any item or service provided to a specific group of paying patients—must be made available to the public in a format accepted by CMS using the format and data elements specified in the currently effective version of the [Hospital Price Transparency Sample](#)

[Format \(Tall\) or \(Wide\) \(CSV\) and related data dictionary](#) recommended for hospitals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).¹

All prices included in the file must be expressed as dollar amounts, when applicable. The data must be in the form of a comma separated values (.csv) file which can be directly imported, without further editing or remediation, into a relational database table to receive these files. Files must be tested for compliance by the freestanding outpatient surgical center before posting to its website.

For further information about CMS price transparency file and format requirements to make standard charges public, visit the [CMS Hospital Price Transparency page](#) or the [CMS Resource page](#).

Location of “Pricing Transparency” link on website homepage

MDH directs freestanding outpatient surgical centers to place the link leading to downloadable pricing data at the bottom of their website’s homepage to align with the

¹¹ If CMS modifies or replaces the specifications for this format or data elements, the form and content of this file must be modified or replaced to conform with the new CMS specifications by the date specified by CMS for compliance with its new specifications.

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[final CMS rule](#) (CMS-1786-FC) for the 2024 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System. The link is to be labeled as “Download All Charges as Machine Readable .CSV File.” Compliance with all

other CMS requirements specified in the final rule (CMS-1786-FC) pertaining to the downloadable file will constitute compliance with Minnesota’s requirements.

References

- [Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.826](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/62J.826) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/62J.826>)
- [Hospital Price Transparency Sample Format \(Tall\)](https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/v11-hospital-price-transparency-machine-readable-file-formats-and-data-dictionary.zip) (<https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/v11-hospital-price-transparency-machine-readable-file-formats-and-data-dictionary.zip>)
- [CMS Hospital Price Transparency page](https://www.cms.gov/hospital-price-transparency/resources) (<https://www.cms.gov/hospital-price-transparency/resources>)
- [CMS Resource page](https://www.cms.gov/hospital-price-transparency/resources) (<https://www.cms.gov/hospital-price-transparency/resources>)
- [Final CMS rule](https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-24293/medicare-program-hospitaloutpatient-prospective-payment-and-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment) (<https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-24293/medicare-program-hospitaloutpatient-prospective-payment-and-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment>)

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