

INGENIX[®]

MDR[®] Benchmarking Databases

Executive Summary

The MDR Payment System is a powerful benchmarking database that helps you develop your reimbursement schedule for both in- and out-of-network claim payments so you can review claims with efficiency and confidence. MDR can help you:

- Access objective data for local charge levels
- Negotiate fees effectively with a recognized benchmarking product
- Manage reimbursement risk while controlling administrative costs

Overview

This highly respected system contains more than 1 billion current, unique, and continuously updated provider charges. The MDR system employs a methodology that is customary in the industry and combines actual charge data and relative value units to derive benchmarking data amounts.

Well-Established Standards

Ingenix uses a blended methodology to compute the billed charge and the allowed amount information included in the various benchmarking data modules. This blended methodology couples a relative value scale with conversion factors computed from claims data to calculate the relative charge or allowed amount. The conversion factor and relative value methodology is used and accepted throughout the industry as a method for calculating benchmarks and modeling fee schedules.

Rare Procedures

This prevalent methodology uses a relative value scale to compute conversion factors from actual claims data to calculate percentiles. In addition, blended methodology supplies you with claims-based information for infrequently performed services and procedures. In our Medical Module, for example, about 400 of the more than 8,500 Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT[®]) codes used by physicians account for more than 90 percent of all services and procedures. Therefore, most of the remaining 8,000+ CPT[®] codes may have low volumes of data. Using the blended methodology, we are able to supply derived benchmarks developed in a consistent fashion.

MDR is offered as a series of modules configured to meet the various needs of payers and claim types paid.

Medical/Surgical, Geozip * 301 | Percentiles displayed in whole dollars.

Code	Description	25th	30th	40th	50th	60th	70th	75th	80th	85th	90th	95th
45378	SCOPE OF COLON FOR DIAGNOSIS	712	719	754	764	783	859	887	907	939	1,008	1,105
71020	RADEX CH 2 VIEWS FRNT & LAT	83	87	94	102	103	106	107	107	107	113	122
85025	BLD# COMPL AUTO HHRWP& AUTO DIFFIAL	27	29	31	32	33	35	37	38	42	44	47

* Geozip = geographic zip code group. Data for illustrative purposes only.

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Current Data

MDR modules are updated regularly to capture geographic billing or pricing trends in health care. Each release uses data from a 12-month moving window prior to the release date. For facility modules, data is on different moving windows. With the exception of our Allowed Medical Module, data is trended forward through the use of a CPI-based inflation factor.

Key Features

The Ingenix MDR databases receive data contributions nearly every day. Data are reported for surgery, anesthesia, radiology, pathology and laboratory, medicine, dental, HCPCS, inpatient and outpatient facility charges, and allowed amounts.

- **Claims data**—Ingenix maintains an actual claims database of more than 1 billion current, unique, and continuously updated provider claim lines. These records anchor the MDR product line.
- **Data validation**—Ingenix developed and employs a unique data validation technology to review service, geographic, allowed amount, and billed charge information before including them in the MDR database.
- **Relative value scale**—This numeric ranking compares procedures' difficulty, time, risk, and resources used.
- **Conversion factors**—A conversion factor places billing and reimbursement patterns on a common scale for comparison by assigning a price per unit of relative value.
- **Geozips**—Geozips are groupings of one or more three-digit zip codes that describe geographic areas defined primarily by charge data similarity and geographic proximity. Approximately 475 geozips are evaluated annually.
- **Industry recognition**—The MDR Payment System has been one of the most requested and recognized benchmark data products because of our database's volume, geographic breakdowns, and timeliness.
- **National and regional data**—While most subscribers find their needs best served by our nationwide data, MDR data is available in regional format to eligible organizations.
- **IPS PC** is a Windows®-based lookup program that gives instant access to most database products.
- **IPS Online** is a web-based lookup program that gives instant access to most database products.

MDR Support Services

Available MDR Modules

- **Allowed Medical/Surgical**
- **Anesthesia**
- **Dental**
- **HCPCS**
- **Inpatient Facility**
- **Medical/Surgical**
- **Medicare Physician Fee Schedule**
- **Outpatient Facility**
- **RBRVS Extension**
- **State Fee Schedule**

- **Ingenix benchmarking services**—Our customized analytical services division will help you meet your business objectives with consulting services that are either complementary to our standard MDR products or independent of them.
- **Product support**—We provide a toll-free number for assistance with basic coding questions, product-specific questions, and various other data-related inquiries.
- **Technical support**—Our expert IT team stands ready to address your format, installation, and general technical questions via telephone or email.
- **Dispute resolution**—Your license to these modules includes access to materials and support that can assist you in resolving disputes.
- **Teledata**—Our 24/7 automated telephonic data access system is easy to use and provides access to our most current and detailed data for many of the modules.
- **Customer website**—Access documentation and valuable support materials including users' guides, record layouts, installation instructions, news, information, and relevant clinical topics.
- **Web fulfillment**—Keep your data modules current with fast and convenient downloads. We'll send you email notification of new version releases.

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