

PAR/non-PAR decision worksheet for physicians

Currently, the vast majority of physicians are registered as participating physicians, accepting Medicare payments as payment-in-full for 100 percent of their Medicare patients. Use this worksheet to estimate how much your Medicare revenues would increase or decrease if you become non-PAR and start charging some or all of your Medicare patients at the full limiting charge amount.

Step 1:	Estimate your current monthly or annual Medicare revenues as a PAR physician	\$ _____
Step 2:	Estimate the percentage of your Medicare patients for whom you would continue to accept the Medicare payment amount as payment in full if you became a non-PAR physician (i.e., the percent of assigned claims)	_____ %
Step 3:	Multiply the amount in Step 1 by the percentage in Step 2 .	\$ _____
Step 4:	Multiply the amount in Step 3 by 0.95	\$ _____
Step 5:	Subtract the percentage in Step 2 from 100 percent. The result is the percentage of your Medicare patients for whom you estimate you could collect the full limiting charge amount if you became a non-PAR physician (i.e., the percent of unassigned claims)	_____ %
Step 6:	Multiply the amount in Step 1 by the percentage in Step 5 .	\$ _____
Step 7:	Multiply the amount in Step 6 by 1.0925	\$ _____
Step 8:	Add the amount in Step 4 to the amount in Step 7 . The result is your estimated total monthly or annual Medicare revenues as a non-PAR physician.	\$ _____
Step 9:	Subtract the amount in Step 1 from the amount in Step 8 . The result is the amount by which you can expect your Medicare revenues to increase or decrease if you switch from being a PAR to a non-PAR physician.	\$ _____

Note: This worksheet does not account for collection costs, and if you anticipate difficulty collecting the limiting charge amount for some unassigned claims, these costs may offset a portion of the increased revenue.