

## **README file for Final 2010 Fully Implemented ASC Relative Payment Weight File**

In response to commenters' requests, we have provided this final CY 2010 fully implemented ASC relative payment weight file to illustrate the CY 2010 ASC relative payment weights as they would appear if there were no transition period. These final payment weights do not represent what the final payment weights would be once the 4-year transition is complete. This file contains the following elements, which are described in the table below: HCPCS code, HCPCS code short descriptor, final CY 2010 ASC payment indicator, final CY 2010 ASC fully implemented relative payment weight, and the final CY 2010 ASC transitional relative payment weight.

This is a comprehensive list of all the HCPCS codes that appear in the CY 2010 OPPI/ASC final rule Addendum AA and BB. We do not present fully implemented payment weights for separately paid services with the following ASC payment indicators: D5, F4, H2, K2, K7, L1, L6, P3, and Z3 because these items or services are contractor priced, deleted, or have a predetermined payment amount for CY 2010. Please refer to Addendum DD1 of the CY 2010 OPPI/ASC Final Rule for the complete list of ASC payment indicators and their definitions.

There are five columns in the file:

<b>Column heading</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
HCPCS code	The Health Care Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) code that describes a service for which the code is valid during 2010.
Short Descriptor	The HCPCS short descriptor for the code in column 1; if the code is a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code, the short descriptor is the AMA CPT short descriptor
CY 2010 ASC Fully Implemented Payment Indicator	The final payment indicator that would be assigned to the HCPCS code for use under a fully implemented ASC payment system.
CY 2010 Fully Implemented ASC Relative Payment Weight (Not an Official Payment Weight)	The final implemented relative payment weight for the code in column 1 that would be in effect for CY 2010, if there were no transition period. We present this weight for informational purposes only.
CY 2010 Third Year Transition Payment Weight	The final transitional relative payment weight for the code in column 1 that is in effect for CY 2010.