

Definition of Physician Services/Professional Services

Physician services include office visits, surgical procedures, and a broad range of other diagnostic and therapeutic services. These services are furnished in all settings, including physician offices, hospitals, other post-acute care settings, clinical laboratories, and beneficiaries' homes. The system covers all the costs in the office setting (practice expense and malpractice) and just the professionals services in other settings (because other setting receive a separate payment for facility costs).

They include physicians as well as health professionals such as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, psychologists and physical therapists (any professionals who can bill independently or provide services under physician supervision. The system covers all the costs in the office setting and professionals services in other settings.

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