

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Download The Fee Schedule Database With Ease

To access the Physician Fee Schedule Database, use the "search" function on CMS' home page (www.cms.gov) to find the "2005 fee schedule."

Scroll down the page until you find the link for the "2005 National **Physician fee schedule** Relative Value File." Click on the link, choose the file named "RVU05 B.zip," read and decide if you'll accept the license agreement. If you accept, select "RVU05 B.zip" a second time to download the file.

Note: You may choose to open the file from the CMS Web site, or you may save the file to your computer. In either case, you must have WinZip software to access the file.

The unzipped file contains several individual files. Select and open the file named "PPRRVU05" (the same file is available in Excel or notepad format). The file is arranged sequentially by code, and you can find any code quickly by using the "search" function (press down the "control" and "f" keys at the same time).