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SCCT is pleased to announce that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released technical corrections to the 2010 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule on May 7, 2010. This document addressed several errors in the Medicare Fee Schedule (MFS) including updates to the cardiac computed tomography codes 75571-75574.

SCCT met with and communicated with CMS several times over the past months to discuss and correct errors made in incorporating AMA RUC recommendations on direct practice expenses (e.g., medical supplies, equipment time). While these increases are a positive step forward in recognition of the actual costs of providing these services, the technical component payment rate is capped at the lesser of the Medicare Fee Schedule or the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment Rate (HOPPS) due to the Deficit Reduction Act. See the chart on page two of this document for further detail.

SCCT has worked diligently with CMS to achieve this correction to the 2010 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and will continue to work with them to correct the HOPPS rate to accurately reflect the practice expense for providing these services.

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The chart below shows the corrected 2010 MFS payment rates for CT of the heart and myocardial perfusion imaging studies. Please note that the APC payment rate for the TC will apply if lower than the MFS payment rate.

Code	MOD	Descriptor	2010 APC Payment Rate	2010 MFS Payment Rate	Corrected 2010 MFS Payment Rate
75571	TC	CT hrt w/o dye w/ca test	\$45.19	\$61.70	\$69.79
75571	G	CT hrt w/o dye w/ca test		\$89.85	\$95.57
75572	TC	CT hrt w/3d image		\$177.90	\$225.39
75572	G	CT hrt w/3d image		\$263.42	\$304.19
75573	TC	CT hrt w/3d image, congen	\$269.15	\$251.87	\$328.27
75573	G	CT hrt w/3d image, congen		\$374.20	\$440.23
75574	TC	CT angio hrt w/3d image	\$269.15	\$464.05	\$573.28
75574	G	CT angio hrt w/3d image		\$580.60	\$679.47

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