



CONTEXT⁴ HEALTHCARE

THE BIG PICTURE

- Increase operating efficiencies
- Optimize reimbursements
- Better serve customers by using timely and accurate information in addressing the costs of healthcare

Usual, Customary, and Reasonable Fees

UCR fees for medical services throughout the U.S.

Healthcare has become a complicated undertaking, not just for providers, but for payors as well. Ensuring that the right service is administered at the right cost is a cornerstone of proper healthcare coverage. But with one doctor billing a service at \$100, and another doctor right next door billing the same service at \$800, how is a payor or third-party administrator to know what's usual, customary, and reasonable?

It's easy: simply consult the Context⁴ Healthcare Inc. Usual, Customary, and Reasonable (UCR) Fee databases. Context UCR offerings make certain that insurance companies, employer groups, and other healthcare organizations or administrators have direct access to the fee information necessary to operate in today's diverse and widespread healthcare environment.

The choice for leading payors

Context is an excellent choice for UCR Fee Database products at leading insurance companies, healthcare organizations, and third-party administrators. Our UCR fee databases were developed over several years by a team of healthcare fee experts and statisticians. As a result, users have access to cost-effective fee management solutions that are credible and defensible.

The methodology behind each UCR fee database is arrayed in percentiles and divided by more than 250 geo-zip regions with bi-annual updates to refresh existing data. Our databases are constructed using over one billion actual provider charges collected annually. This methodology ensures that the UCR fee database represents current provider charges from around the country.

Seamless integration is available, with record layouts that are familiar to most claim systems.

UCR databases currently available

Currently available UCR databases include Medical, Dental, Anesthesia, HCPCS (Health Care Procedure Coding System), and Outpatient Facility. Additionally, more than 80 data and fee products are available for integration or reference purposes.

Medical: Developed by a team of fee experts and statisticians over a period of several years, the Medical UCR database is capable of readily handling the most rigorous requirements, and it sets new standards for quality while providing a credible, cost-effective alternative to existing payment systems.

Dental: Avoiding overpayment of dental services is a key cost containment component of any employee benefit plan. The Dental UCR database was created to ensure fair and equitable reimbursement for dental services and thereby help users avoid needless overpayments. The data can also be used to assist in the development of premiums through actuarial analysis.

Anesthesia: The Anesthesia UCR database allows users to re-price services personally furnished by anesthesiologists, as well as services provided under the anesthesiologists' medical direction, such as directing concurrent services with a resident or non-physician anesthesiologist. Fee data for all 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions is included.

HCPCS: Third-party payors are requiring standards against which to measure charges submitted by providers using HCPCS codes, and HCPCS UCR database can be used to ensure fair and equitable reimbursement for these supplies and materials.

Outpatient facility: The unabated trend toward performing procedures and services in outpatient settings has intensified the need for cost-effective outpatient facility re-pricing data. The Outpatient Facility UCR fee database meets this increasing demand, allowing fair and equitable re-pricing of facility-based services such as hospital outpatient or ambulatory surgical center services.

Other fee data: Context4 supplies more than 80 data and fee products, such as schedules for Medicare fees, clinical lab fees, injection fees, DME fees, ASC fees, and much more.