



**EVICORE HEALTHCARE  
EMBLEM / GHIPPO City of New York  
OUTPATIENT IMAGING  
SELF-REFERRAL PAYMENT POLICY  
07/01/2020**

The Outpatient Imaging Self-Referral payment policies are designed to promote appropriate use of diagnostic imaging by primary care physicians, specialty physicians and other health care professionals in office settings. The Emblem / GHIPPO City of New York payment policies below designate which imaging procedures shall be payable by Emblem / GHIPPO City of New York (subject to member benefits) in primary care physicians', specialty physicians' and other health care professionals' offices by provider practice specialty. In addition, these payment policies describe the minimum accreditation and certification requirements for ultrasound, echocardiography and nuclear medicine. This payment policy assumes board certification (by an ABMS recognized board) in the provider specialties listed below. All specialty payment policies apply to the related pediatric specialties as well.

\* These procedures require pre-certification; call 866-417-2345

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| Provider Specialty      | Procedure Code  | Code Description  | Certification & Accreditation Requirement(s)  |
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| Cardiologists (Nuclear) | 78451*, 78452*, 78453*, 78454*<br><br>78466*, 78468*, 78469*<br>78472*, 78473*, 78481*, 78483*,<br>78494*, 78496* | Myocardial perfusion imaging<br><br>Myocardial infarction scans<br>Cardiac blood pool imaging<br>Gated heart planar | 1) Certification by the American Board of Radiology (ABR)<br><b>or</b><br>2) American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM)<br><b>or</b><br>3) American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), Cardiology<br><b>AND</b><br>1) Certification Board for Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC).<br><b>or</b><br>2) Cardiologists who have recently completed an accredited cardiology fellowship within the last year and completion of Level 2 Core Cardiology Training Symposium (COCATS) training in nuclear cardiology<br><b>and</b><br>1) Laboratories accredited by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) Nuclear/PET – in Nuclear Cardiology<br><b>or</b> |

|                        |  |   | 2) American College of Radiology (ACR) in Nuclear Medicine– Nuclear Cardiology Module |
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| Pediatric Cardiologist | 71555*<br>75557*, 75559*, 75561*, 75563*   | Chest imaging<br>Dopper velocimetry, fetal<br>Echo, fetal, cardiovascular<br><br>MRA Chest<br>Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging<br>Ultrasound guidance for pericardiocentesis<br>Ultrasound guidance for endomyocardial biopsy |   |
| Gastroenterologists    | 76391*   | MR elastography   |   |
| Nephrologists          | 77021*   | MR guidance for needle placement  |   |
| Nuclear Medicine       | 78012*, 78013*, 78014*, 78015*, 78016*, 78018*, 78020*, 78070*, 78071*, 78072*, 78075*, 78102*, 78103*, 78104*, 78140*, 78185*, 78190*, 78191*, 78195*, 78201*, 78202*, 78215*, 78216*, 78226*, 78227*, 78230*, 78231*, 78232*, 78258*, 78261*, 78262*, 78264*, 78278*, 78282*, 78290*, 78291*, 78300*, 78305*, 78306*, 78315*, 78579*, 78582*, 78597*, 78600*, 78601*, 78605*, 78606*, 78610*, 78630*, 78635*, 78645*, 78650*, 78660*, 78700*, 78701*, 78707*, 78708*, 78709*, 78725*, 78730*, 78740*, 78761*, 78800*, 78801*, 78802*, 78803*, 78804*, 78830*, 78831*, 78832* | Nuclear medicine studies  | Physicians to be certified by ABR or American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM)        |

References:

1. American Board of Radiology (ABR) <http://www.theabr.org/>
2. American College of Cardiology (ACC) <http://www.acc.org/>
3. American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) <http://www.acnmonline.org/>
4. American College of Radiology (ACR) <http://www.acr.org/>
5. American Osteopathic Board of Radiology (AOBR) <http://www.aocr.org/>
6. American Registry of MRI Technologists (ARMRIT) <http://www.armrit.org/index.shtml>
7. American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) <https://www.arrt.org/>
8. American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC) <http://www.asnc.org/>
9. Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) <http://www.camrt.ca/>
10. Federal Drug Administration (FDA), Radiation Emitting Products <http://www.fda.gov/Radiation-EmittingProducts/default.htm>
11. Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) <http://www.intersocietal.org/intersocietal.htm>
12. Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Computed Tomographic Laboratories (ICACTL) <http://www.intersocietal.org/ct/>
13. Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Magnetic Resonance Laboratories (ICAMRL) <http://www.intersocietal.org/mri/>
14. Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Laboratories (ICANL) <http://www.intersocietal.org/nuclear/>
15. Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Testing (ICAVL) <http://www.intersocietal.org/vascular/>