



POLICY UPDATES

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Important Coding Changes You Need to Know

Using the most current procedure codes helps to make sure your claims are processed accurately and in a timely manner. This issue focuses on important changes regarding codes that may no longer be covered. Please share the messages below with the staff and visit our [Claims Corner webpage](#) often for the latest updates.



Chest X-Rays

Starting on June 26, 2018, chest x-rays (CPT codes 71045 – 71048) are not recommended for lung cancer screening in asymptomatic patients since they don't reduce mortality. [Read More.](#)



Osteoporosis Screening

Dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA) bone density screening (CPT Codes 77080 or 77081) is not indicated for males under 70 years old who don't have risk factors for osteoporosis. Therefore, claims for the studies will be denied if the only diagnosis is osteoporosis screening. [Read more.](#)

Colonoscopy Procedures

Medicare coverage guidelines allow these [covered diagnosis codes](#) for medically necessary colonoscopy



procedures. These do not affect codes for colorectal cancer screening. [Read more.](#)



Infectious Mononucleosis Ultrasound

Claims for an abdominal ultrasound examination (CPT Codes 76700-76705) will be denied when the only diagnosis is infectious mononucleosis (ICD-10 codes B27-B27.99). This change will start on June 26, 2018. [Read more.](#)



Ophthalmic Ultrasound

CPT code 76513 refers to an ophthalmic ultrasound or high resolution biomicroscopy. As of June 26, 2018, the procedure will not be appropriate for imaging of the anterior chamber except in cases where rare types of glaucoma exist. [Read more.](#)



Phosphatase, Acid; Prostatic

Testing for phosphatase, acid; prostatic (CPT code 84066) will not be covered because the lab testing is considered experimental and/or investigational as there is insufficient evidence of therapeutic value. [Read more.](#)



Medical Policies

The two medical policies below had coding changes. See our website for [details](#).

- Sacroiliac Joint Fusion
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

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