



OUTPATIENT IMAGING SELF-REFERRAL PAYMENT POLICY

Applicable to: HIP, EmblemHealth CompreHealth EPO/HMO, EmblemHealth Medicare HMO

Effective July 1, 2013

This payment policy assumes board certification (by an ABMS-recognized board) in the provider specialties listed below. This payment policy also applies to the related pediatric specialties.

PROVIDER SPECIALTY	CPT CODES	DESCRIPTION	ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENT(S)
Primary Care Physicians: Internal Medicine, Family Practice	71010–71030 77080, 77081	Chest imaging DEXA studies, bone densitometry	No additional requirements
	93303*, 93304*, 93306*–93308* 93320, 93321, 93325	Transthoracic echocardiography Doppler echocardiography, add on codes	1. National Board of Echocardiography (NBE) certification 2. Laboratories accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (IAC Echocardiography)***
Cardiologists (includes Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiologist, Cardiac Electrophysiologist)	71010–71030 76930 76932	Chest imaging Ultrasonic guidance for pericardiocentesis Ultrasonic guidance for endomyocardial biopsy	No additional requirements
	93303*, 93304*, 93306*– 93308* 93320, 93321, 93325 93350*, 93351*	Transthoracic echocardiography Doppler echocardiography, add on codes Stress echocardiography	1. Cardiology certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) or the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM) 2. Laboratories accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (IAC Echocardiography)***
Cardiologists, Nuclear	78451*, 78452*, 78453*, 78454* 78466*, 78468*, 78469* 78472*, 78473*, 78481*, 78483*, 78494* 76930 76932	Myocardial perfusion imaging Myocardial infarction scans Cardiac blood pool imaging Ultrasonic guidance for pericardiocentesis Ultrasonic guidance for endomyocardial biopsy	1. Certification by the American Board of Radiology (ABR), the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM) or the Certification Board for Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC) 2. Laboratories accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Laboratories (IAC Nuclear/PET)*** or the American College of Radiology (ACR)

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Pediatric Cardiologists	76825**-76828** 71555* 75557*-75563* 71010-71030 93303*, 93304*, 93306*- 93308* 93350,* 93351* 76930 76932 93320, 93321, 93325	Echocardiography, fetal MRA Chest Cardiac MRI Chest imaging Transthoracic echocardiography Stress echocardiography Ultrasonic guidance for pericardiocentesis Ultrasonic guidance for endomyocardial biopsy Doppler echocardiography, add on codes	1. Certification in pediatric cardiology by the American Board of Pediatrics 2. Laboratories accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (IAC Echocardiography)***
Chiropractors	72010, 72040, 72069, 72070, 72080, 72100	Spine imaging	No additional requirements
Colon & Rectal Surgeons	76872 76942	Ultrasound, transrectal Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy only	Must be board certified by the American Board of Colon & Rectal Surgery (ABCRS) to perform this ultrasound
Endocrinologists	77080, 77081	DEXA studies, bone densitometry	No additional requirements
	76536 76942	Thyroid ultrasound Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy	AACE/ECNU (Endocrine Certification for Neck Ultrasound) accreditation
Gastroenterologists	76975	Endoscopic ultrasound	No additional requirements
General Surgeons	76942	Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy	No additional requirements
Breast Surgeons	76942	Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy	1. All physicians must be certified in breast ultrasound by the American Society of Breast Surgeons (ASBS) 2. Facilities must have accreditation for breast ultrasound from the ASBS
	76645	Breast ultrasound	
Geriatricians	71010-71030	Chest imaging	No additional requirements
	93303*, 93304*, 93306*-93308* 93320, 93321, 93325	Transthoracic echocardiography Doppler echocardiography, add on codes	Non-cardiologists: 1. National Board of Echocardiography (NBE) certification 2. Laboratories accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (IAC Echocardiography)***
Hand Surgeons	76000 73100-73140	Fluoroscopy Upper extremity imaging	No additional requirements
Head and Neck Surgeons (ENT, Otolaryngologists)	76942	Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy only	No additional requirements
Hematologist/Oncologists Medical Oncologists Oncologists	71010-71030	Chest imaging	No additional requirements

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Maternal and Fetal Medicine	77052	Computer aided detection of radiographic images	Must be fully compliant with Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) requirements to perform screening mammography
	77057, G0202	Screening mammography	
	74740 77080, 77081 76815**, 76816**, 76817**, 76820**, 76821** 76830-76857 76930, 76941, 76942, 76945, 76946, 76948	Hysterosalpingography DEXA studies, bone densitometry Ultrasound: obstetrical, pelvic, guidance	No additional requirements
	76801**, 76802**, 76805**, 76810**, 76811**, 76812**, 76813**, 76814**, 76818**, 76819**, 76820**, 76821**, 76825**, 76826**, 76827**, 76828** 76970	Ultrasound: obstetrical, pelvic, guidance Ultrasound study, follow-up	American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine/ American College of Radiology (AIUM/ACR) accreditation
Nephrologists	75791	Angiography arteriovenous shunt, radiological supervision and interpretation	No additional requirements
	75978	Venous angioplasty, radiological supervision and interpretation	
	77021	MR guidance for needle placement	
	77012	CT scan for needle biopsy	
	77002	Needle localization by X-ray	
	76942	Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy	

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Nuclear Medicine	78012*, 78013*, 78014*, 78015*, 78016*, 78018*, 78020*, 78070*, 78071*, 78072*, 78075*, 78102*, 78103*, 78104*, 78110, 78111, 78120, 78121, 78122, 78130, 78135, 78140, 78185*, 78190, 78191, 78195*, 78201*, 78202*, 78205*, 78206*, 78215*, 78216*, 78226*, 78227*, 78230*, 78231*, 78232*, 78258*, 78261*, 78262*, 78264*, 78270, 78271, 78272, 78278*, 78282*, 78290*, 78291*, 78300*, 78305*, 78306*, 78315*, 78320*, 78579*, 78580*, 78582*, 78597*, 78598*, 78600*, 78601*, 78605*, 78606*, 78607*, 78610*, 78630*, 78635*, 78645*, 78647*, 78650*, 78660*, 78700*, 78701*, 78707*, 78708*, 78709*, 78710*, 78725*, 78730*, 78740*, 78761*, 78800*, 78801*, 78802*, 78803*, 78804*, 78805*, 78806*, 78807*, 78808, 78811*, 78812*, 78813*, 78814*, 78815*, 78816*	Nuclear medicine studies	Physicians certified by the American Board of Radiology (ABR) or the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM)
OB/GYN	77052 77057, G0202	Computer aided detection of radiographic images Screening mammography	Must be fully compliant with MQSA requirements to perform screening mammography
	77080, 77081 74740 76815**, 76816**, 76817** 76830–76857 76930 76941 76945 76946 76970	DEXA studies, bone densitometry Hysterosalpingography Ultrasound: obstetrical, pelvic Ultrasound study, follow-up guidance Ultrasonic guidance for fetal transfusion or cordocentesis Ultrasonic guidance for chorionic villus sampling Ultrasonic guidance for amniocentesis Ultrasound study, follow-up	No additional requirements
	76801**, 76802**, 76805**, 76810**, 76811**, 76812**, 76813**, 76814**, 76818**, 76819**, 76820**, 76821**, 76825**, 76826**, 76827**, 76828** 93325 76948	Ultrasound: obstetrical, pelvic, Doppler echocardiography Ultrasonic guidance for aspiration of ova	AIUM/ACR accreditation

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Oral Surgeons	70100, 70110, 70140, 70150 70300, 70310, 70320 70328, 70330 70350 70355	Mandible and facial bone imaging Teeth imaging TMJ imaging Cephalogram, orthodontic Orthopantogram	No additional requirements
Orthopedists (includes Pediatric Orthopedists, Orthopedic Surgeons and Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon)	71100–71111 71120–71130 72010–72120, 72170, 72190, 72200–72220 73000–73140, 73500–73660 76000, 77002, 77003 77071 77073 77077 76942	Radiologic examination, ribs Radiologic examination, sternum Spine and pelvis imaging Imaging to upper and lower extremities Fluoroscopy Radiologic examination, any joint Bone length studies Joint survey Ultrasonic guidance for needle placement	No additional requirements
	76881 76882 76885 76886	Ultrasound, extremity Ultrasound, extremity, limited Ultrasound, infant hips Ultrasound, infant hips, limited	AIUM accreditation in musculoskeletal ultrasound
Pain Specialists (Physiatrists, Anesthesiologists, Neurologists, Neurosurgeons, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation)	72275 76000, 77002, 77003	Epidurography, radiological supervision and interpretation Fluoroscopy	No additional requirements
Pediatricians	71010–71030	Chest imaging	No additional requirements
Podiatrists	73620, 73630, 73650, 73660 76942	Lower extremity imaging Ultrasonic guidance for needle placement	No additional requirements
Pulmonologists	71010–71030	Chest Imaging	No additional requirements
Radiation Oncologists	77012 77014 76873 76950 76965 76942	Computed tomography guidance for needle placement Computed tomography guidance for placement of radiation therapy fields Prostate volume study for brachytherapy treatment planning Ultrasonic guidance for placement of radiation therapy fields Ultrasonic guidance for interstitial radioelement application Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy only	No additional requirements

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Reproductive Endocrinologists	77052	Computer aided detection of radiographic images	Must be fully compliant with MQSA requirements to perform screening mammography
	77057, G0202	Screening mammography	
	77080, 77081 76815**, 76816**, 76817** 76830-76857 76970 74740	DEXA studies, bone densitometry Ultrasound: obstetrical, pelvic Ultrasound study, follow-up Hysterosalpingography	No additional requirements
	76801**, 76802**, 76805**, 76810**, 76811**, 76812**, 76813**, 76814**, 76818**, 76819**, 76820**, 76821**, 76825**, 76826**, 76827**, 76828** 76941 76942 76945 76946 76948	Ultrasound: obstetrical, pelvic, guidance Ultrasonic guidance for fetal transfusion or cordocentesis Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy Ultrasonic guidance for chorionic villus sampling Ultrasonic guidance for amniocentesis Ultrasonic guidance for aspiration of ova	AIUM/ACR accreditation
Rheumatologists	72010-72120, 72170, 72190, 72200-72220 73000-73140, 73500-73660	Spine and pelvis imaging Imaging to upper and lower extremities Fluoroscopy Bone length studies, joint survey DEXA studies, bone densitometry Ultrasonic guidance for needle placement	No additional requirements
	76000, 77002 77073, 77077 77080, 77081 76942		
	76881 76882 76885 76886	Ultrasound, extremity Ultrasound, extremity, limited Ultrasound, infant hips Ultrasound, infant hips, limited	AIUM accreditation in musculoskeletal ultrasound
Sports Medicine	71100-71111 71120-71130 72010-72120, 72170, 72190, 72200-72220 73000-73140, 73500- 73660	Radiologic examination, ribs Radiologic examination, sternum Spine and pelvis imaging Imaging to upper and lower extremities	Board certification in sports medicine and combined fellowship, residency and training in sports medicine of at least four years
	76881 76882	Ultrasound, extremity Ultrasound, extremity, limited	AIUM accreditation in musculoskeletal ultrasound
Urologists	76870, 76872, 76873 76942 76857	Ultrasounds: scrotum, transrectal Prostate volume study for brachytherapy treatment planning Ultrasonic guidance for biopsy only Ultrasound pelvic limited or follow-up	No additional requirements

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Vascular Neurology	76125	Cineradiography/videoradiography	Certification by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in Vascular Neurology
	75898	Angiography through existing catheter	
	75896	Transcatheter therapy, infusion	
	75894	Transcatheter therapy, embolization	
	75685	Angiography, vertebral, cervical and/or intracranial	
	75680	Angiography, carotid, cervical, bilateral	
	75676	Angiography, carotid, cervical, unilateral	
	75671	Angiography, carotid, cerebral, bilateral	
	75665	Angiography, carotid, cerebral, unilateral	
	75662	Angiography, external carotid, bilateral, selective	
	75660	Angiography, external carotid, unilateral, selective	
75600	Aortography, thoracic, without serialography		
Vascular Surgeons	77001	Fluoroscopic guidance for central venous access device	No additional requirements
	76937	Ultrasonic guidance for vascular access	

*These procedures require pre-certification; call **1-866-417-2345**.

Any studies beyond three require pre-certification; call **1-866-417-2345.

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