

2010 CPT Coding Changes: Radiology Highlights

The past few years have seen minimal updates to the CPT® codes for Radiology. Change was due and 2010 is the year. To assist in the use of the new Radiology CPT codes for 2010, Health Record Services provides the following overview. For additional changes and more in-depth information, visit the American Hospital Association (AHA) website.

Cardiac Computed Tomography and Coronary Computed Tomographic Angiography *New Procedure Codes for CCT and CCTA Procedures*

75571 – Computed tomography, heart, without contrast material, with quantitative evaluation of coronary calcium. (Replaces 0144T)

75572 – Computed tomography, heart, with contrast material, for evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology (including 3D image postprocessing, assessment of cardiac function, and evaluation of venous structures, if performed). (Replaces 0145T)

75573 – Computed tomography, heart, with contrast material, for evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology in the setting of congenital heart disease (including 3D image postprocessing, assessment of LV cardiac function, RV structure and function and evaluation of venous structures, if performed). (Replaces 0150T)

75574 – Computed tomographic angiography, heart, coronary arteries and bypass grafts (when present), with contract material, including 3D image postprocessing (including evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology, assessment of cardiac function, and evaluation of venous structures, if performed). (Replaces 0146T, 0147T, 0148T and 0149T)

Also, both the radiology section guidelines and the introductory notes preceding the CCT/CCTA section have been updated to provide coders with further details and instruction.

Interventional Radiology

Arteriovenous Shunt for Dialysis Catheter

The component codes 36145 (introduction of needle or intracatheter; arteriovenous shunt created for dialysis) and 75790 (angiography, arteriovenous shunt, radiologic supervision and interpretation) have been deleted and two new bundled codes created to describe the initial access (36147) and each additional access (36148) for both the introduction of the catheter and the radiological supervision and interpretation.



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In addition, a new stand-alone arteriovenous (AV) shunt angiography radiological supervision and interpretation code (75791) was created with guidelines for its use.

Facet Joint Injection Revisions

Facet joint injection codes 64470, 64472, 64475 and 64476 have been deleted and replaced by six new codes: 64490 – 64495. The new codes have been placed in a new subsection of the CPT code book and are available for coder review on the AMA web site.

Other 2010 Interventional Changes

- ✓ Removal of indwelling tunneled pleural catheter with cuff (32552)
- ✓ Placement of interstitial devices for radiation therapy guidance
- ✓ Instillation, via chest tube / catheter, agent for fibrinolysis
- ✓ Moderate sedation codes

Nuclear Medicine

Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI)

Six MPI codes have been deleted and replaced by four new codes, 78451 – 78454, to describe myocardial perfusion imaging studies which include wall motion and ejection fraction.

Other Important Changes to Note

- ✓ Radiation Oncology: Design and Construction of Multileaf Collimator (MLC) Devices
- ✓ Category III Code Changes
- ✓ Category II Code Changes
- ✓ Cross References / Editorial Revisions

Coders are encouraged to read the complete 2010 CPT Update or contact Health Record Services for additional information.

The complete text of the 2009 MPFS Final Rule can be viewed at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PhysicianFeeSched/PFSFRN/list.asp#TopOfPage>

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