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+10004

Fine needle aspiration biopsy, without imaging guidance; each additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Clinical Responsibility

With the patient properly prepared and anesthetized (typically with local anesthesia) and following FNA of an initial lesion, the provider inserts a needle, such as an 18- to 25-gauge needle with an attached syringe, into an additional suspicious lesion or area of tissue and withdraws cells, tissue, or fluid for laboratory analysis. The provider may make several passes to obtain an adequate specimen. The provider then sends the aspirate to the pathology lab for analysis.

Coding Tips

For FNA of an initial lesion using imaging guidance, see 10005 (ultrasound), 10007 (fluoroscopy), 10009 (CT), and 10011 (MRI) and +10006, +10008, +10010 and +10012 for each additional lesion respectively.

Fee Schedule

Medicare Fees National Conversion Factor: 34.8931, Facility: \$43.62, Non Facility: \$52.34, OPPS Facility: \$27.91, OPPS Non Facility: \$27.91

RVU Facility Work RVU: 0.80, PE RVU: 0.34, Malpractice RVU: 0.11, Total RVU: 1.25

RVU Non-Facility Work RVU: 0.80, PE RVU: 0.59, Malpractice RVU: 0.11, Total RVU: 1.50

Indicators Preoperative: 0.00, Intraoperative: 0.00, Postoperative: 0.00, Total RVU: 0, Global Period: ZZZ, Radiology Diagnostic Test: 99, Code Status: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None, MUE: 3

Modifier Allowances 22, 52, 53, 58, 59, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GZ, LT, PD, Q6, QJ, RT, SC, XE, XP, XS, XU

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ICD-10 CrossRef

C00.3, C01, C02.9, C04.1, C06.9, C07, C08.0, C12, C13.9, C15.9, C22.0-C22.4, C22.7, C22.8, C32.1, C32.8, C34.30-C34.32, C43.20-C43.22, C43.30-C43.39, C43.51-C43.59, C43.60-C43.62, C46.0, C50.011-C50.019, C50.111-C50.119, C50.211-C50.219, C50.411-C50.419, C50.811-C50.819, C50.911-C50.919, C51.9, C76.0, C76.1, C77.0, C77.3, C79.2, C79.81, C79.89, C79.9, C82.50, C82.51, C82.55, C82.59, C83.31-C83.35, C84.90, C84.91, C84.95, C84.99, C84.40, C84.41, C84.45, C84.49, C84.Z0, C85.21, C85.25, C85.29, C85.80, C85.81, C85.85, C85.89, C85.90, C85.91, C85.95,

C85.99, C86.0, C86.4, C88.8, C94.40-C94.42, C94.6, D03.20-D03.22, D03.30, D03.39, D03.51-D03.59, D03.60-D03.62, D05.00-D05.02, D05.10-D05.12, D05.80-D05.82, D05.90-D05.92, D11.0-D11.9, D17.0, D17.1, D17.20-D17.24, D17.30, D17.39, D17.72, D17.79, D17.9, D19.7, D21.0, D22.5, D22.70-D22.72, D23.5, D23.70-D23.72, D36.0, D36.7, D37.030-D37.039, D44.0-D44.2, D44.9, D47.1, D47.2, D47.9, D47.Z9, D48.0-D48.2, D48.60-D48.62, D48.7, D48.9, D49.0-D49.7, D49.9, D64.9, D75.9, D78.01, D78.02, D78.21, D78.22, D89.2, E01.0-E01.2, E03.4, E03.9, E04.0-E04.9, E06.0, E07.89, E07.9, E35, E36.01, E36.02, E65, E78.71, E89.820-E89.823, G97.31, G97.32, G97.51, G97.52, G97.63, G97.64, H66.10-H66.13, H69.80-H69.83, H93.8X1-H93.8X9, H94.80-H94.83, H95.21, H95.22, H95.41, H95.42, H95.53, H95.54, I42.0-I42.5, I42.8, I42.9, I70.235, I70.245, 170.335, 170.345, 170.435, 170.445, 170.535, 170.545, 170.635, 170.645, 170.735, 170.745, 182.91, 188.1-188.9, 189.8, 197.410-197.418, 197.42, 197.610-197.618, 197.622, 197.640-197.648, J95.61, J95.62, J95.830, J95.831, J95.862, J95.863, J98.4, K11.20-K11.23, K11.3-K11.6, K11.9, K91.61, K91.62, K91.840, K91.841, K91.870-K91.873, L02.31, L02.415, L02.416, L02.419, L02.91, L03.115, L03.116, L03.119, L03.125, L03.126, L03.129, L03.317, L03.327, L03.90, L03.91, L57.0, L76.01, L76.02, L76.21, L76.22, L76.31-L76.34, L97.501-L97.504, L97.509, L97.511-L97.514, L97.519, L97.521-L97.524, L97.529, L98.3, L98.7, M54.2, M70.20-M70.22, M71.30, M77.10-M77.12, M79.4, M81.0, M96.810, M96.811, M96.830, M96.831, M96.840-M96.843, N60.01-N60.09, N60.11-N60.19, N61.0, N62, N63.0, N63.10-N63.15, N63.20-N63.25, N63.31, N63.32, N63.41, N63.42, N64.1, N64.4, N99.61, N99.62, N99.820, N99.821, N99.840-N99.843, Q18.0-Q18.9, Q87.2, Q87.3, Q87.5, Q87.81, Q87.89, Q89.2, Q89.8, R13.0, R13.10, R18.8, R19.02, R20.8, R20.9, R22.0-R22.2, R22.30-R22.33, R22.40-R22.43, R22.9, R29.4, R59.0-R59.9, R68.89, R69, R90.0, R92.1, R92.8, R99, S90.421D, S90.422D, S90.423D, S90.424D, S90.425D, S90.426D, S90.521D, S90.522D, S90.529D, S90.821D, S90.822D, S90.829D, S90.869A, Y84.4, Z00.6, Z12.89, Z85.21, Z85.3, Z85.6, Z86.79

10005

Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including ultrasound guidance; first lesion

Clinical Responsibility

With the patient properly prepared and anesthetized (typically with local anesthesia), the provider inserts a needle, such as an 18-to 25-gauge needle with an attached syringe, under ultrasound imaging guidance into a suspicious lesion or area of tissue and withdraws cells, tissue, or fluid for laboratory analysis. The provider may make several passes to obtain an adequate specimen. The provider then sends the aspirate to the pathology lab for analysis.

Coding Tips

Report +10006 for each additional lesion in addition to the primary code 10005.

For FNA of an initial lesion using other types of imaging guidance, see 10007 (fluoroscopy), 10009 (CT), and 10011 (MRI) and +10008, +10010 and +10012 for each additional lesion respectively.

If different imaging guidance modalities are used for separate lesions, add modifier 59, Distinct procedural service, to the appropriate primary code.

For FNA without imaging guidance, report 10021 for the initial lesion and +10004 for each additional lesion.

Fee Schedule

Medicare Fees National Conversion Factor: 34.8931, Facility: \$73.62, Non Facility: \$139.22, OPPS Facility: \$50.94, OPPS Non Facility: \$50.94

RVU Facility Work RVU: 1.46, PE RVU: 0.50, Malpractice RVU: 0.15, Total RVU: 2.11

RVU Non-Facility Work RVU: 1.46, PE RVU: 2.38, Malpractice RVU: 0.15, Total RVU: 3.99

Indicators Preoperative: 0.00, Intraoperative: 0.00, Postoperative: 0.00, Total RVU: 0, Global Period: XXX, Radiology Diagnostic Test: 99, Code Status: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None, MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances 22, 51, 52, 53, 58, 59, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AG, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GZ, LT, PD, Q6, QJ, RT, SC, XE, XP, XS, XU

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ICD-10 CrossRef

ICD-10-CM contains hundreds of matches for this code. Please check individual payer guidelines for specific coverage determinations.

+10006

Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including ultrasound guidance; each additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Clinical Responsibility

With the patient properly prepared and anesthetized (typically with local anesthesia) and following FNA of an initial lesion, the provider inserts a needle, such as an 18- to 25-gauge needle with an attached syringe, under ultrasound imaging guidance into an additional suspicious lesion or area of tissue and withdraws cells, tissue, or fluid for laboratory analysis. The provider may make several passes to obtain an adequate specimen. The provider then sends the aspirate to the pathology lab for analysis.

Coding Tips

For FNA of an initial lesion using other types of imaging guidance, see 10007 (fluoroscopy), 10009 (CT), and 10011 (MRI) and +10008, +10010 and +10012 for each additional lesion respectively.

For FNA without imaging guidance, report 10021 for the initial lesion and +10004 for each additional lesion.

Fee Schedule

Medicare Fees National Conversion Factor: 34.8931, Facility: \$51.29, Non Facility: \$61.76, OPPS Facility: \$34.89, OPPS Non Facility: \$34.89

RVU Facility Work RVU: 1.00, PE RVU: 0.37, Malpractice RVU: 0.10, Total RVU: 1.47

RVU Non-Facility Work RVU: 1.00, PE RVU: 0.67, Malpractice RVU: 0.10, Total RVU: 1.77

Indicators Preoperative: 0.00, Intraoperative: 0.00, Postoperative: 0.00, Total RVU: 0, Global Period: ZZZ, Radiology Diagnostic Test: 99, Code Status: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None, MUE: 3

Modifier Allowances 22, 52, 53, 58, 59, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GZ, LT, PD, Q6, QJ, RT, SC, XE, XP, XS, XU

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0213T¹, 0216T¹, 10004¹, 10035¹, 19281¹, 19283¹, 19285¹, 19287¹, 36000¹, 36410¹, 36591⁰, 36592⁰, 61650¹, 62324¹, 62325¹, 62326¹, 62327¹, 64415¹, 64416¹, 64417¹, 64450¹, 64454¹, 64486¹, 64487¹, 64488¹, 64489¹, 64490¹, 64493¹, 76000¹, 76380¹, 76942¹, 76998¹, 77001¹, 77002¹, 77012¹, 77021¹, 96360¹, 96365¹, 96372¹, 96374¹, 96375¹, 96376¹, 96377¹, 96523⁰, J2001¹

ICD-10 CrossRef

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10007

Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including fluoroscopic guidance; first lesion

Clinical Responsibility

With the patient properly prepared and anesthetized (typically with local anesthesia), the provider inserts a needle, such as an 18-to 25-gauge needle with an attached syringe, under fluoroscopic imaging guidance into a suspicious lesion or area of tissue and withdraws cells, tissue, or fluid for laboratory analysis. The provider may make several passes to obtain an adequate specimen. The provider then sends the aspirate to the pathology lab for analysis.

Coding Tips

Report +10008 for each additional lesion in addition to the primary code 10007.

Incision and drainage of abscess (eg, carbuncle, suppurative hidradenitis, cutaneous or subcutaneous abscess, cyst, furuncle, or paronychia); simple or single

Clinical Responsibility

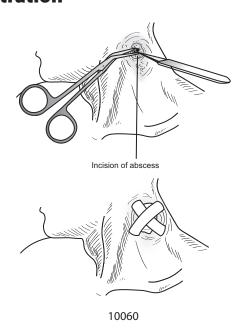
When the patient is appropriately prepped and anesthetized, the provider makes a circumferential incision over the target area of abscess. He makes an incision through skin and down to the level of abscess cavity. The provider then opens the abscess and removes the inflamed fatty and dead tissues within the cavity and drains the pus completely. When the provider successfully accomplishes the procedure, he may leave this wound open for continuous discharge of fluids and may use woven cotton cloth to soak up fluids and blood. The provider may use a small surgical clamp to break up any loculations within the cavity and may insert gauze or other material to pack the abscess cavity.

Coding Tips

Report this code if the provider performs incision and drainage of an abscess for a simple or single capsule like cyst. For a complicated I&D or multiple I&Ds, report 10061.

This code is not used for I&D of pilonidal cysts, hematomas, foreign bodies, or wound infections. See codes 10080 to 10180 to report those services.

Illustration



Fee Schedule

Medicare Fees National Conversion Factor: 34.8931, Facility: \$105.03, Non Facility: \$126.31, OPPS Facility: \$42.57, OPPS Non Facility: \$42.57

RVU Facility Work RVU: 1.22, PE RVU: 1.66, Malpractice RVU: 0.13, Total RVU: 3.01

RVU Non-Facility Work RVU: 1.22, PE RVU: 2.27, Malpractice RVU: 0.13. Total RVU: 3.62

Indicators Preoperative: 10.00, Intraoperative: 80.00, Postoperative: 10.00, Total RVU: 100, Global Period: 010, Radiology Diagnostic Test: 99, Code Status: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None, MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances 22, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 76, 77, 78, 79, 99, AG, AQ, AR, E1, E2, E3, E4, F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, FA, GA, GC, GJ, GR, KX, LT, PD, Q5, Q6, QJ, RT, SA, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, TA, XE, XP, XS, XU

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0213T<sup>0</sup>, 0216T<sup>0</sup>, 0596T<sup>1</sup>, 0597T<sup>1</sup>, 11055<sup>1</sup>, 11056<sup>1</sup>, 11057<sup>1</sup>, 11401<sup>1</sup>,
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99452<sup>0</sup>, 99495<sup>0</sup>, 99496<sup>0</sup>, G0127<sup>1</sup>, G0463<sup>1</sup>, G0471<sup>1</sup>, J0670<sup>1</sup>, J2001<sup>1</sup>
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ICD-10 CrossRef

ICD-10-CM contains hundreds of matches for this code. Please check individual payer guidelines for specific coverage determinations.

Incision and drainage of abscess (eg, carbuncle, suppurative hidradenitis, cutaneous or subcutaneous abscess, cyst, furuncle, or paronychia); complicated or multiple

Clinical Responsibility

When the patient is appropriately prepped and anesthetized, the provider makes a circumferential incision over the target area of abscess. He deepens the incision through the vascular inner layer of skin and down to the deep level of abscess cavity. The provider then opens the abscess and excises the inflamed fatty and dead tissues within the cavity and drains the pus completely. When the provider successfully accomplishes the procedure, he may leave this wound open for continuous discharge of fluids and may use woven cotton cloth to soak up fluids and blood. The provider may use a small surgical clamp to break up any loculations within the cavity and may insert gauze or other material to pack the abscess cavity. The provider may repeat this procedure for additional lesions. Some lesions may require placement of a drain for continued drainage. This procedure takes more time than a simple I&D and requires more extensive incisions and/or a more complicated closure.

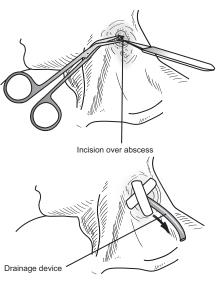
Coding Tips

Report this code if the provider performs incision and drainage of an abscess for complex or severe and multiple capsules like cysts. A complicated I&D takes more time than usual and involves multiple incisions, drain placements, extensive packing, and subsequent wound closure.

For a simple or single I&D of the same types of lesions, report 10060.

This code is not used for I&D of pilonidal cysts, hematomas, foreign bodies, or wound infections. See codes 10080 to 10180 to report those services.

Illustration



10061

Fee Schedule

Medicare Fees National Conversion Factor: 34.8931, Facility: \$185.98, Non Facility: \$216.69, OPPS Facility: \$85.49, OPPS Non Facility: \$85.49

RVU Facility Work RVU: 2.45, PE RVU: 2.57, Malpractice RVU: 0.31, Total RVU: 5.33

RVU Non-Facility Work RVU: 2.45, PE RVU: 3.45, Malpractice RVU: 0.31, Total RVU: 6.21

Indicators Preoperative: 10.00, Intraoperative: 80.00, Postoperative: 10.00, Total RVU: 100, Global Period: 010, Radiology Diagnostic Test: 99, Code Status: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None, MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances 22, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 76, 77, 78, 79, 99, AG, AQ, AR, E1, E2, E3, E4, F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, FA, GA, GC, GJ, GR, KX, LT, PD, Q5, Q6, QJ, RT, SA, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, TA, XE, XP, XS, XU

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0213T⁰, 0216T⁰, 0596T¹, 0597T¹, 10060¹, 11055¹, 11056¹, 11057¹, 11406¹, 11424¹, 11426¹, 11440¹, 11444¹, 11446¹, 11450¹, 11451¹, 11463¹, 11470¹, 11471¹, 11604¹, 11606¹, 11623¹, 11624¹, 11626¹, 11643^{1} , 11644^{1} , 11646^{1} , 11719^{1} , 11720^{1} , 11721^{1} , 11730^{1} , 11740^{1} , 11750¹, 11760¹, 11765¹, 12001¹, 12002¹, 12004¹, 12005¹, 12006¹, 12007¹, 12011¹, 12013¹, 12014¹, 12015¹, 12016¹, 12017¹, 12018¹, 12020¹, 12021¹, 12031¹, 12032¹, 12034¹, 12035¹, 12036¹, 12037¹, 12041¹, 12042¹, 12044¹, 12045¹, 12046¹, 12047¹, 12051¹, 12052¹, 12053¹, 12054¹, 12055¹, 12056¹, 12057¹, 13100¹, 13101¹, 13102¹, 13120¹, 13121¹, 13122¹, 13131¹, 13132¹, 13133¹, 13151¹, 13152¹, 13153¹, 20500¹, 29580¹, 29581¹, 36000¹, 36400¹, 36405¹, 36406¹, 36410¹, 36420¹, 36425¹, 36430¹, 36440¹, 36591⁰, 36592⁰, 36600¹, 36640¹, 43752¹, 51701¹, 51702¹, 51703¹, 62320⁰, 62321⁰, 62322⁰, 62323°, 62324°, 62325°, 62326°, 62327°, 64400°, 64405°, 64408°, 64415°, 64416°, 64417°, 64418°, 64420°, 64421°, 64425°, 64430°, 64435°, 64445°, 64446°, 64447°, 64448°, 64449°, 64450°, 64451°, 64454¹, 64461⁰, 64462⁰, 64463⁰, 64479⁰, 64480⁰, 64483⁰, 64484⁰, 64486⁰, 64487⁰, 64488⁰, 64489⁰, 64490⁰, 64491⁰, 64492⁰, 64493⁰,

Excision, malignant lesion including margins, scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; excised diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm

Clinical Responsibility

After appropriate preparation and local anesthesia, a margin of healthy tissue is identified and outlined with a marking pen. The provider makes a full-thickness incision through the skin. He excises (cuts out) the entire lesion including the margins previously outlined. All margins are cleaned, bleeding is controlled, and the wound is closed with sutures. The lesion may be sent to a laboratory for further evaluation or a frozen section performed and additional excision of margins performed if needed.

The provider performs this excision on a malignant lesion, such as melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma, or basal cell carcinoma, with excision diameter of 3.1 to 4.0 cm, including the margins, from the scalp, neck, hands, feet, or genitalia.

Malignant lesions are locally invasive, can destroy healthy tissue as they grow, and can possibly metastasize (spread from one body part to another).

Coding Tips

For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of 0.5 cm or less, see 11620.

For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of 0.6 to 1.0 cm, see 11621.

For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of 1.1 to 2.0 cm, see 11622.

For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of 2.1 to 3.0 cm, see 11623.

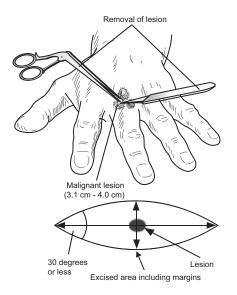
For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of over 4.0 cm, see 11626

If a provider excises multiple lesions of different diameters, apply modifier 59, Distinct procedural service, to the code for the second lesion.

If the provider performs a second excision on the same lesion area because the pathology report came back with positive margins during the global period of the first excision, you will need to append modifier 58 to the second procedure. You should append modifier 58 when a procedure or service is planned or anticipated at the time of the original procedure (staged), and is more extensive than the original procedure.

Also, be sure to use the same malignant diagnosis again, even if the most recent excision shows no cancer cells in the specimen.

Illustration



11624

Fee Schedule

Medicare Fees National Conversion Factor: 34.8931, Facility: \$240.76, Non Facility: \$347.54, OPPS Facility: \$126.31, OPPS Non Facility: \$126.31

RVU Facility Work RVU: 3.62, PE RVU: 2.80, Malpractice RVU: 0.48, Total RVU: 6.90

RVU Non-Facility Work RVU: 3.62, PE RVU: 5.86, Malpractice RVU: 0.48. Total RVU: 9.96

Indicators Preoperative: 10.00, Intraoperative: 80.00, Postoperative: 10.00, Total RVU: 100, Global Period: 010, Radiology Diagnostic Test: 99, Code Status: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None, MUE: 2

Modifier Allowances 22, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 76, 77, 78, 79, 99, AQ, AR, F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, FA, GA, GC, GJ, GR, KX, LT, PD, Q5, Q6, QJ, RT, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, TA, XE, XP, XS, XU

CCI Alerts (version 27.3)

00400°, 0213T°, 0216T°, 0596T¹, 0597T¹, 11000¹, 11001¹, 11004¹, 11005¹, 11006¹, 11042¹, 11043¹, 11044¹, 11045¹, 11046¹, 11047¹, 11102¹, 11104¹, 11106¹, 11900¹, 11901¹, 12001¹, 12002¹, 12004¹, 12005¹, 12006¹, 12007¹, 12011¹, 12013¹, 12014¹, 12015¹, 12016¹, 12017¹, 12018¹, 17000¹, 17004¹, 17250¹, 17286¹, 36000¹, 36400¹, 36405¹, 36406¹, 36410¹, 36420¹, 36425¹, 36430¹, 36440¹, 36591⁰, 36592⁰, 36600¹, 36640¹, 43752¹, 51701¹, 51702¹, 51703¹, 62320⁰, 62321°, 62322°, 62323°, 62324°, 62325°, 62326°, 62327°, 64400°, 64405°, 64408°, 64415°, 64416°, 64417°, 64418°, 64420°, 64421°, 64425°, 64430°, 64435°, 64445°, 64446°, 64447°, 64448°, 64449°, 64450¹, 64451⁰, 64454¹, 64461⁰, 64462⁰, 64463⁰, 64479⁰, 64480⁰, 644830, 644840, 644860, 644870, 644880, 644890, 644900, 644910, 64492°, 64493°, 64494°, 64495°, 64505°, 64510°, 64517°, 64520°, 64530°, 69990°, 92012¹, 92014¹, 93000¹, 93005¹, 93010¹, 93040¹, 93041¹, 93042¹, 93318¹, 93355¹, 94002¹, 94200¹, 94680¹, 94681¹, 94690¹, 95812¹, 95813¹, 95816¹, 95819¹, 95822¹, 95829¹, 95955¹, 96360¹, 96361¹, 96365¹, 96366¹, 96367¹, 96368¹, 96372¹, 96374¹, 96375¹, 96376¹, 96377¹, 96523⁰, 97597¹, 97598¹, 97602¹, 99155⁰, 99156⁰, 99157⁰, 99211¹, 99212¹, 99213¹, 99214¹, 99215¹, 99217¹, 99218¹, 99219¹, 99220¹, 99221¹, 99222¹, 99223¹, 99231¹, 99232¹, 992331, 992341, 992351, 992361, 992381, 992391, 992411, 992421, 99243¹, 99244¹, 99245¹, 99251¹, 99252¹, 99253¹, 99254¹, 99255¹, 99291¹, 99292¹, 99304¹, 99305¹, 99306¹, 99307¹, 99308¹, 99309¹, 99310¹, 99315¹, 99316¹, 99334¹, 99335¹, 99336¹, 99337¹, 99347¹, 99348¹, 99349¹, 99350¹, 99374¹, 99375¹, 99377¹, 99378¹, 99446⁰, 99447°, 99448°, 99449°, 99451°, 99452°, 99495°, 99496°, G01681, G0463¹, G0471¹, J0670¹, J2001¹

ICD-10 CrossRef

C43.4-C43.9, C44.40-C44.49, C44.80-C44.89, C44.90-C44.99, C47.0-C47.9, C49.0-C49.9, C4A.4-C4A.9, C51.0-C51.9, C52, C57.7-C57.9, C60.0-C60.9, C62.10-C62.12, C62.90-C62.92, C63.2-C63.8, C76.0, C79.2, C79.82, C79.89, C79.9, C7B.1, D03.4-D03.9, D04.4, D04.8, D07.1, D07.2, D07.30, D07.39, D07.4, D07.60-D07.69, D09.3-D09.9, T81.40XA-T81.40XS, Z86.007

11626

Excision, malignant lesion including margins, scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; excised diameter over 4.0 cm

Clinical Responsibility

After appropriate preparation and local anesthesia, a margin of healthy tissue is identified and outlined with a marking pen. The provider makes a full-thickness incision through the skin. He excises (cuts out) the entire lesion including the margins previously outlined. All margins are cleaned, bleeding is controlled, and the wound is closed with sutures. The lesion may be sent to a laboratory for further evaluation or a frozen section performed and additional excision of margins performed if needed.

The provider performs this excision on a malignant lesion, such as melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma, or basal cell carcinoma, with excision diameter over 4.0 cm, including the margins, from the scalp, neck, hands, feet, or genitalia.

Malignant lesions are locally invasive, can destroy healthy tissue as they grow, and can possibly metastasize (spread from one body part to another).

Coding Tips

For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of 0.5 cm or less, see 11620.

For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of 0.6 to 1.0 cm, see 11621.

For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of 1.1 to 2.0 cm, see 11622.

For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of 2.1 to 3.0 cm, see 11623.

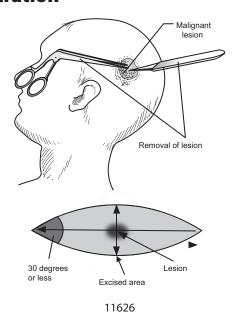
For the same procedure on a lesion with a diameter of 3.1 to 4.0 cm, see 11624.

If a provider excises multiple lesions of different diameters, apply modifier 59, Distinct procedural service, to the code for the second lesion.

If the provider performs a second excision on the same lesion area because the pathology report came back with positive margins during the global period of the first excision, you will need to append modifier 58 to the second procedure. You should append modifier 58 when a procedure or service is planned or anticipated at the time of the original procedure (staged), and is more extensive than the original procedure.

Also, be sure to use the same malignant diagnosis again, even if the most recent excision shows no cancer cells in the specimen.

Illustration



Fee Schedule

Medicare Fees National Conversion Factor: 34.8931, Facility: \$297.29, Non Facility: \$420.11, OPPS Facility: \$160.86, OPPS Non Facility: \$160.86

RVU Facility Work RVU: 4.61, PE RVU: 3.17, Malpractice RVU: 0.74, Total RVU: 8.52

RVU Non-Facility Work RVU: 4.61, PE RVU: 6.69, Malpractice RVU: 0.74, Total RVU: 12.04

Indicators Preoperative: 10.00, Intraoperative: 80.00, Postoperative: 10.00, Total RVU: 100, Global Period: 010, Radiology Diagnostic Test: 99, Code Status: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None, MUE: 2

Modifier Allowances 22, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 76, 77, 78, 79, 99, AQ, AR, F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, FA, GA, GC, GJ, GR, KX, LT, PD, Q5, Q6, QJ, RT, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, TA, XE, XP, XS, XU

CCI Alerts (version 27.3)

 $00400^{0}, 0213T^{0}, 0216T^{0}, 0596T^{1}, 0597T^{1}, 11000^{1}, 11001^{1}, 11004^{1},$ 11005¹, 11006¹, 11042¹, 11043¹, 11044¹, 11045¹, 11046¹, 11047¹, 11102^{1} , 11104^{1} , 11106^{1} , 11900^{1} , 11901^{1} , 12001^{1} , 12002^{1} , 12004^{1} ,

Craniofacial approach to anterior cranial fossa; extradural, including lateral rhinotomy, ethmoidectomy, sphenoidectomy, without maxillectomy or orbital exenteration

Clinical Responsibility

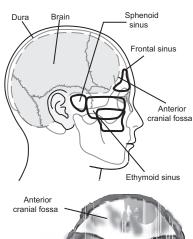
The provider focusses on the skull and facial bones (as the anatomical location) to access the hollow area (bounded by orbital plates of the frontal bone, cribriform plate of the ethmoid, and frontal portion of the sphenoid bone) containing a tissue defect outside the dura mater. Multiple procedures like incision into the side of the nose (lateral rhinotomy), excision of the entire (or a portion of) the cube-shaped ethmoid bone, and partial or complete removal of sphenoid bone (situated at the base of the skull) are performed to access the diseased tissue.

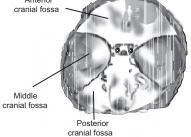
Coding Tips

In choosing a procedure code to report for a skull base surgical approach, you need to first determine whether the approach was via the anterior (61580 to 61586), the middle (61590 to 61592), or the posterior (61595 to 61598) cranial fossa. Next, determine whether the approach was intradural or extradural, and finally was the procedure with or without internal fixation and with or without bone graft. If the documentation does not allow you to make a correct determination, query the provider for more information.

Report other surgeries, repairs, or reconstructions separately.

Illustration





61580

Fee Schedule

Medicare Fees National Conversion Factor: 34.8931, Facility: \$2,578.25, Non Facility: \$2,578.25, OPPS Facility: \$1,204.16, OPPS Non Facility: \$1,204.16

RVU Facility Work RVU: 34.51, PE RVU: 32.10, Malpractice RVU: 7.28, Total RVU: 73.89

RVU Non-Facility Work RVU: 34.51, PE RVU: 32.10, Malpractice RVU: 7.28, Total RVU: 73.89

Indicators Preoperative: 11.00, Intraoperative: 76.00, Postoperative: 13.00, Total RVU: 100, Global Period: 090, Radiology Diagnostic Test: 99, Code Status: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None, MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances 22, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 62, 63, 66, 76, 77, 78, 79, 99, AQ, AR, CR, ET, GA, GC, GJ, GR, KX, LT, Q5, Q6, QJ, RT, XE, XP, XS, XU

CCI Alerts (version 27.3)

0213T⁰, 0216T⁰, 0333T⁰, 0464T⁰, 0596T¹, 0597T¹, 11000¹, 11001¹, 11004^{1} , 11005^{1} , 11006^{1} , 11042^{1} , 11043^{1} , 11044^{1} , 11045^{1} , 11046^{1} , 11047¹, 12001¹, 12002¹, 12004¹, 12005¹, 12006¹, 12007¹, 12011¹, 12013¹, 12014¹, 12015¹, 12016¹, 12017¹, 12018¹, 12020¹, 12021¹, 12031¹, 12032¹, 12034¹, 12035¹, 12036¹, 12037¹, 12041¹, 12042¹, 12044¹, 12045¹, 12046¹, 12047¹, 12051¹, 12052¹, 12053¹, 12054¹, 12055¹, 12056¹, 12057¹, 13100¹, 13101¹, 13102¹, 13120¹, 13121¹, 13122¹, 13131¹, 13132¹, 13133¹, 13151¹, 13152¹, 13153¹, 36000¹, 36400¹, 36405¹, 36406¹, 36410¹, 36420¹, 36425¹, 36430¹, 36440¹, 36591⁰, 36592⁰, 36600¹, 36640¹, 43752¹, 51701¹, 51702¹, 51703¹, 61586°, 61618°, 61619°, 62320°, 62321°, 62322°, 62323°, 62324°, 62325°, 62326°, 62327°, 64400°, 64405°, 64408°, 64415°, 64416°, 64417°, 64418°, 64420°, 64421°, 64425°, 64430°, 64435°, 64445°, 644460, 644470, 644480, 644490, 644500, 644510, 644540, 644610, 64462°, 64463°, 64479°, 64480°, 64483°, 64484°, 64486°, 64487°, 64488⁰, 64489⁰, 64490⁰, 64491⁰, 64492⁰, 64493⁰, 64494⁰, 64495⁰, 64505°, 64510°, 64517°, 64520°, 64530°, 920121, 920141, 92652°, 92653⁰, 93000¹, 93005¹, 93010¹, 93040¹, 93041¹, 93042¹, 93318¹ 93355¹, 94002¹, 94200¹, 94680¹, 94681¹, 94690¹, 95812¹, 95813¹, 95816¹, 95819¹, 95822⁰, 95829¹, 95860⁰, 95861⁰, 95863⁰, 95864⁰, 95865°, 95866°, 95867°, 95868°, 95869°, 95870°, 95907°, 95908°, 95909°, 95910°, 95911°, 95912°, 95913°, 95925°, 95926°, 95927°, 959280, 959290, 959300, 959330, 959370, 959380, 959390, 959400, 95955¹, 96360¹, 96361¹, 96365¹, 96366¹, 96367¹, 96368¹, 96372¹, 96374¹, 96375¹, 96376¹, 96377¹, 96523⁰, 97597¹, 97598¹, 97602¹, 99155⁰, 99156⁰, 99157⁰, 99211¹, 99212¹, 99213¹, 99214¹, 99215¹, 99217¹, 99218¹, 99219¹, 99220¹, 99221¹, 99222¹, 99223¹, 99231¹, 99232¹, 99233¹, 99234¹, 99235¹, 99236¹, 99238¹, 99239¹, 99241¹, 99242¹, 99243¹, 99244¹, 99245¹, 99251¹, 99252¹, 99253¹, 99254¹, 99255¹, 99291¹, 99292¹, 99304¹, 99305¹, 99306¹, 99307¹, 99308¹, 99309¹, 99310¹, 99315¹, 99316¹, 99334¹, 99335¹, 99336¹, 99337¹, 99347¹, 99348¹, 99349¹, 99350¹, 99374¹, 99375¹, 99377¹, 99378¹, 994460, 994470, 994480, 994490, 994510, 994520, 994950, 994960, G0453⁰, G0463¹, G0471¹, J0670¹, J2001¹

ICD-10 CrossRef

C30.0, C31.1-C31.3, C31.8, C41.0, C71.0, C78.30, C78.39, C79.32, C79.40, C79.49, D42.0-D42.9, G06.0, H57.89, H59.361-H59.369, I67.1

Craniofacial approach to anterior cranial fossa; extradural, including lateral rhinotomy, orbital exenteration, ethmoidectomy, sphenoidectomy and/or maxillectomy

Clinical Responsibility

The provider focusses on the skull and facial bones (as the anatomical location) to access the hollow area (bounded by orbital plates of the frontal bone, cribriform plate of the ethmoid, and the frontal portion of the sphenoid bone) containing a tissue defect outside the dura mater. Multiple procedures like incision into the side of the nose (lateral rhinotomy), excision of the entire (or a portion of) cube-shaped ethmoid bone, partial or complete removal of sphenoid bone (situated at the base of the skull), surgical removal of diseased maxilla, and evacuation of the contents pertaining to the orbit are performed to access the diseased tissue.

Coding Tips

In choosing a procedure code to report for a skull base surgical approach, you need to first determine whether the approach was via the anterior (61580 to 61586), the middle (61590 to 61592), or the posterior (61595 to 61598) cranial fossa. Next, determine whether the approach was intradural or extradural, and finally was the procedure with or without internal fixation and with or without bone graft. If the documentation does not allow you to make a correct determination, query the provider for more information.

Report other surgeries, repairs, or reconstructions separately.

Fee Schedule

Medicare Fees National Conversion Factor: 34.8931, Facility: \$2,963.12, Non Facility: \$2,963.12, OPPS Facility: \$1,365.37, OPPS Non Facility: \$1,365.37

RVU Facility Work RVU: 39.13, PE RVU: 37.93, Malpractice RVU: 7.86, Total RVU: 84.92

RVU Non-Facility Work RVU: 39.13, PE RVU: 37.93, Malpractice RVU: 7.86. Total RVU: 84.92

Indicators Preoperative: 11.00, Intraoperative: 76.00, Postoperative: 13.00, Total RVU: 100, Global Period: 090, Radiology Diagnostic Test: 99, Code Status: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None, MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances 22, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 62, 63, 66, 76, 77, 78, 79, 99, AQ, AR, CR, ET, GA, GC, GJ, GR, KX, LT, Q5, Q6, QJ, RT, XE, XP, XS, XU

CCI Alerts (version 27.3)

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ICD-10 CrossRef

C30.0, C31.1-C31.3, C31.8, C41.0, C71.0, C78.30, C78.39, C79.32, C79.40, C79.49, D42.0-D42.9, G06.0, H57.89, H59.361-H59.369, I67.1

61582

Craniofacial approach to anterior cranial fossa; extradural, including unilateral or bifrontal craniotomy, elevation of frontal lobe(s), osteotomy of base of anterior cranial fossa

Clinical Responsibility

The provider focusses on the skull and facial bones (as the anatomical location) to access a hollow area (bounded by orbital plates of the frontal bone, cribriform plate of the ethmoid, and frontal portion of the sphenoid bone) containing a tissue defect outside the dura mater. Multiple procedures like incision into the cranium (skull) and base of the anterior cranial fossa and separation of the frontal lobe (of the brain) are performed to access the diseased tissue.

Coding Tips

In choosing a procedure code to report for a skull base surgical approach, you need to first determine whether the approach was via the anterior (61580 to 61586), the middle (61590 to 61592), or the posterior (61595 to 61598) cranial fossa. Next, determine whether the approach was intradural or extradural, and finally was the procedure with or without internal fixation and with or without bone graft. If the documentation does not allow you to make a correct determination, query the provider for more information.

Report other surgeries, repairs, or reconstructions separately.

ICD-10 CrossRef Details

A01.01	Typhoid meningitis	A41.81	Sepsis due to Enterococcus
A02.1	Salmonella sepsis	A41.89	Other specified sepsis
A02.21	Salmonella meningitis	A41.9	Sepsis, unspecified organism
A05.1	Botulism food poisoning	A42.0	Pulmonary actinomycosis
A06.5	Amebic lung abscess	A42.2	Cervicofacial actinomycosis
A15.0	Tuberculosis of lung	A42.7	Actinomycotic sepsis
A15.4	Tuberculosis of intrathoracic lymph nodes	A42.81	Actinomycotic meningitis
A15.5	Tuberculosis of larynx, trachea and bronchus	A48.1	Legionnaires' disease
A15.6	Tuberculous pleurisy	A49.01	Methicillin susceptible Staphylococcus aureus infection,
A15.8	Other respiratory tuberculosis		unspecified site
A15.9	Respiratory tuberculosis unspecified	A49.02	Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection,
A17.0	Tuberculous meningitis		unspecified site
A17.89	Other tuberculosis of nervous system	A50.41	Late congenital syphilitic meningitis
A18.01	Tuberculosis of spine	A50.43	Late congenital syphilitic polyneuropathy
A18.03	Tuberculosis of other bones	A50.44	Late congenital syphilitic optic nerve atrophy
A18.2	Tuberculous peripheral lymphadenopathy	A50.49	Other late congenital neurosyphilis
A18.50	Tuberculosis of eye, unspecified	A51.41	Secondary syphilitic meningitis
A18.51	Tuberculous episcleritis	A52.12	Other cerebrospinal syphilis
A18.52	Tuberculous keratitis	A52.13	Late syphilitic meningitis
A18.54	Tuberculous iridocyclitis	A52.15	Late syphilitic neuropathy
A18.59	Other tuberculosis of eye	A52.17	General paresis
A18.6	Tuberculosis of (inner) (middle) ear	A52.19	Other symptomatic neurosyphilis
		A54.31	Gonococcal conjunctivitis
A18.81 A20.3	Tuberculosis of thyroid gland Plague meningitis	A54.81	Gonococcal meningitis
A20.3 A21.1	Oculoglandular tularemia	A54.86	Gonococcal sepsis
	3	A56.4	Chlamydial infection of pharynx
A22.1	Pulmonary anthrax	A66.0	Initial lesions of yaws
A22.7	Anthrax sepsis	A66.2	Other early skin lesions of yaws
A26.7 A27.81	Erysipelothrix sepsis	A66.3	Hyperkeratosis of yaws
A27.81 A31.0	Aseptic meningitis in leptospirosis Pulmonary mycobacterial infection	A67.0	Primary lesions of pinta
A31.0 A32.11	Listerial meningitis	A67.1	Intermediate lesions of pinta
A32.11	Listerial meningitis Listerial meningoencephalitis	A67.2	Late lesions of pinta
A32.12 A32.7	Listerial meningoencephantis Listerial sepsis	A67.3	Mixed lesions of pinta
A32.7 A32.81	Oculoglandular listeriosis	A69.0	Necrotizing ulcerative stomatitis
A32.01	Other tetanus	A69.21	Meningitis due to Lyme disease
A36.0	Pharyngeal diphtheria	A74.0	Chlamydial conjunctivitis
A36.1	Nasopharyngeal diphtheria	A79.82	Anaplasmosis [A. phagocytophilum]
A36.2	Laryngeal diphtheria	A81.00	Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, unspecified
A36.86	Diphtheritic conjunctivitis	A81.01	Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
A36.89	Other diphtheritic complications	A81.09	Other Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
A37.01	Whooping cough due to Bordetella pertussis with	A87.0	Enteroviral meningitis
7.57.61	pneumonia	A87.1	Adenoviral meningitis
A37.11	Whooping cough due to Bordetella parapertussis with	A87.2	Lymphocytic choriomeningitis
,,,,,,,,	pneumonia	A87.8	Other viral meningitis
A37.81	Whooping cough due to other Bordetella species with	A87.9	Viral meningitis, unspecified
	pneumonia	B00.1	Herpesviral vesicular dermatitis
A37.91	Whooping cough, unspecified species with pneumonia	B00.3	Herpesviral meningitis
A39.0	Meningococcal meningitis	B00.50	Herpesviral ocular disease, unspecified
A39.82	Meningococcal retrobulbar neuritis	B00.53	Herpesviral conjunctivitis
A40.0	Sepsis due to streptococcus, group A	B00.59	Other herpesviral disease of eye
A40.1	Sepsis due to streptococcus, group B	B00.82	Herpes simplex myelitis
A40.3	Sepsis due to Streptococcus pneumoniae	B01.0	Varicella meningitis
A40.8	Other streptococcal sepsis	B01.11	Varicella encephalitis and encephalomyelitis
A40.9	Streptococcal sepsis, unspecified	B01.12	Varicella myelitis
A41.01	Sepsis due to Methicillin susceptible Staphylococcus aureus	B01.89	Other varicella complications
A41.02	Sepsis due to Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	B01.9 B02.0	Varicella without complication
A41.1	Sepsis due to other specified staphylococcus	B02.0 B02.1	Zoster encephalitis Zoster meningitis
A41.2	Sepsis due to unspecified staphylococcus	B02.1 B02.21	Postherpetic geniculate ganglionitis
A41.3	Sepsis due to Hemophilus influenzae	B02.21	Postherpetic trigeminal neuralgia
A41.4	Sepsis due to anaerobes	B02.22	Postherpetic polyneuropathy
A41.50	Gram-negative sepsis, unspecified	B02.24	Postherpetic myelitis
A41.51	Sepsis due to Escherichia coli [E. coli]	B02.29	Other postherpetic nervous system involvement
A41.52	Sepsis due to Pseudomonas	B02.30	Zoster ocular disease, unspecified
A41.53	Sepsis due to Serratia	B02.31	Zoster conjunctivitis
A41.59	Other Gram-negative sepsis	B02.34	Zoster scleritis

B02.39	Other hernes zester eve disease	P20 0	Viral conjunctivitis unspecified
B02.39 B02.7	Other herpes zoster eye disease Disseminated zoster	B30.9 B34.2	Viral conjunctivitis, unspecified Coronavirus infection, unspecified
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B02.8	Zoster with other complications	B35.1	Tinea unguium
B02.9	Zoster without complications	B35.8	Other dermatophytoses
B03	Smallpox	B35.9	Dermatophytosis, unspecified
B04	Monkeypox	B37.2	Candidiasis of skin and nail
B05.1	Measles complicated by meningitis	B37.49	Other urogenital candidiasis
B05.3	Measles complicated by otitis media	B37.5	Candidal meningitis
B05.81	Measles keratitis and keratoconjunctivitis	B37.7	Candidal sepsis
B05.89	Other measles complications	B38.0	Acute pulmonary coccidioidomycosis
B05.9	Measles without complication	B38.1	Chronic pulmonary coccidioidomycosis
B06.00	Rubella with neurological complication, unspecified	B38.2	Pulmonary coccidioidomycosis, unspecified
B06.02	Rubella meningitis	B38.3	Cutaneous coccidioidomycosis
B06.89	Other rubella complications	B38.4	Coccidioidomycosis meningitis
B06.9	Rubella without complication	B40.0	Acute pulmonary blastomycosis
B07.0	Plantar wart	B40.1	Chronic pulmonary blastomycosis
B07.8	Other viral warts	B40.2	Pulmonary blastomycosis, unspecified
B07.9	Viral wart, unspecified	B40.3	Cutaneous blastomycosis
B08.09	Other orthopoxvirus infections	B40.7	Disseminated blastomycosis
B08.1	Molluscum contagiosum	B40.81	Blastomycotic meningoencephalitis
B08.21	Exanthema subitum [sixth disease] due to human herpesvirus	B40.89	Other forms of blastomycosis
	6	B40.9	Blastomycosis, unspecified
B08.22	Exanthema subitum [sixth disease] due to human herpesvirus	B41.0	Pulmonary paracoccidioidomycosis
	7	B41.7	Disseminated paracoccidioidomycosis
B08.8	Other specified viral infections characterized by skin and	B41.8	Other forms of paracoccidioidomycosis
	mucous membrane lesions	B41.9	Paracoccidioidomycosis, unspecified
B09	Unspecified viral infection characterized by skin and mucous	B42.0	Pulmonary sporotrichosis
207	membrane lesions	B42.1	Lymphocutaneous sporotrichosis
B10.01	Human herpesvirus 6 encephalitis	B42.7	Disseminated sporotrichosis
B10.09	Other human herpesvirus encephalitis	B42.81	Cerebral sporotrichosis
B10.81	Human herpesvirus 6 infection	B42.82	Sporotrichosis arthritis
B10.82	Human herpesvirus 7 infection	B42.89	Other forms of sporotrichosis
B10.89	Other human herpesvirus infection	B42.9	Sporotrichosis, unspecified
B15.0	Hepatitis A with hepatic coma	B43.0	Cutaneous chromomycosis
B15.0	Hepatitis A with nepatic coma	B43.1	Pheomycotic brain abscess
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B16.0	Acute hepatitis B with delta-agent with hepatic coma	B43.2	Subcutaneous pheomycotic abscess and cyst
B16.1	Acute hepatitis B with delta-agent without hepatic coma	B43.8	Other forms of chromomycosis
B16.2	Acute hepatitis B without delta-agent with hepatic coma	B43.9	Chromomycosis, unspecified
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D17.10	coma	B44.1	Other pulmonary aspergillosis
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B17.9	Acute viral hepatitis, unspecified	B44.81	Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis
B19.0	Unspecified viral hepatitis with hepatic coma	B44.89	Other forms of aspergillosis
B19.10	Unspecified viral hepatitis B without hepatic coma	B44.9	Aspergillosis, unspecified
B19.11	Unspecified viral hepatitis B with hepatic coma	B45.0	Pulmonary cryptococcosis
B19.20	Unspecified viral hepatitis C without hepatic coma	B45.1	Cerebral cryptococcosis
B19.21	Unspecified viral hepatitis C with hepatic coma	B45.2	Cutaneous cryptococcosis
B19.9	Unspecified viral hepatitis without hepatic coma	B45.3	Osseous cryptococcosis
B20	Human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] disease	B45.7	Disseminated cryptococcosis
B25.0	Cytomegaloviral pneumonitis	B45.8	Other forms of cryptococcosis
B25.2	Cytomegaloviral pancreatitis	B45.9	Cryptococcosis, unspecified
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B26.84	Mumps polyneuropathy	B46.9	Zygomycosis, unspecified
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B26.9	Mumps without complication	B55.2	Mucocutaneous leishmaniasis
B27.00	Gammaherpesviral mononucleosis without complication	B57.41	Meningitis in Chagas' disease
B27.01	Gammaherpesviral mononucleosis with polyneuropathy	B60.12	Conjunctivitis due to Acanthamoeba
B27.02	Gammaherpesviral mononucleosis with meningitis	B60.13	Keratoconjunctivitis due to Acanthamoeba
B27.09	Gammaherpesviral mononucleosis with other complications	B65.3	Cercarial dermatitis
B27.11	Cytomegaloviral mononucleosis with polyneuropathy	B66.4	Paragonimiasis
B27.12	Cytomegaloviral mononucleosis with meningitis	B67.32	Echinococcus granulosus infection, multiple sites
B27.80	Other infectious mononucleosis without complication	B67.39	Echinococcus granulosus infection, other sites
B27.81	Other infectious mononucleosis with polyneuropathy	B67.4	Echinococcus granulosus infection, unspecified
B27.82	Other infectious mononucleosis with meningitis	B77.81	Ascariasis pneumonia
B27.91	Infectious mononucleosis, unspecified with polyneuropathy	B78.1	Cutaneous strongyloidiasis
B27.92	Infectious mononucleosis, unspecified with meningitis	B87.0	Cutaneous myiasis
B30.0	Keratoconjunctivitis due to adenovirus	B87.81	Genitourinary myiasis
B30.1	Conjunctivitis due to adenovirus	B90.1	Sequelae of genitourinary tuberculosis
B30.2	Viral pharyngoconjunctivitis	B91	Sequelae of poliomyelitis
B30.3	Acute epidemic hemorrhagic conjunctivitis (enteroviral)	B95.2	Enterococcus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere
B30.8	Other viral conjunctivitis	- · -	
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Modifier Descriptors

Modifier	Description
	CPT® Modifiers
22	Increased Procedural Services
23	Unusual Anesthesia
24	Unrelated Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional During a Postoperative Period
25	Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service
26	Professional Component
27	Multiple Outpatient Hospital E/M Encounters on the Same Date
32	Mandated Services
33	Preventive Services
47	Anesthesia by Surgeon
50	Bilateral Procedure
51	Multiple Procedures
52	Reduced Services
53	Discontinued Procedure
54	Surgical Care Only
55	Postoperative Management Only
56	Preoperative Management Only
57	Decision for Surgery
58	Staged or Related Procedure or Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional During the Postoperative Period
59	Distinct Procedural Service
62	Two Surgeons
63	Procedure Performed on Infants less than 4 kg
66	Surgical Team
73	Discontinued Out-Patient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedure Prior to the Administration of Anesthesia
74	Discontinued Out-Patient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedure After Administration of Anesthesia
76	Repeat Procedure or Service by Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional
77	Repeat Procedure by Another Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional
78	Unplanned Return to the Operating/Procedure Room by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Following Initial Procedure for a Related Procedure During the Postoperative Period

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Modifier	Description
79	Unrelated Procedure or Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care
	Professional During the Postoperative Period
80	Assistant Surgeon
81	Minimum Assistant Surgeon
82	Assistant Surgeon (when qualified resident surgeon
	not available)
90	Reference (Outside) Laboratory
91	Repeat Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Test
92	Alternative Laboratory Platform Testing
95	Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered
	Via a Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications System
96	Habilitative Services
97	Rehabilitative Services
99	Multiple Modifiers
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1P	Performance Measure Exclusion Modifier due to
ır	Medical Reasons
2P	Performance Measure Exclusion Modifier due to Patient Reasons
3P	Performance Measure Exclusion Modifier due to
System Reasons	
8P	Performance Measure Reporting Modifier - Action Not Performed, Reason Not Otherwise Specified
	HCPCS Level II Modifiers
A1	Dressing for one wound
A2	Dressing for two wounds
А3	Dressing for three wounds
A4	Dressing for four wounds
A5	Dressing for five wounds
A6	Dressing for six wounds
A7	Dressing for seven wounds
A8	Dressing for eight wounds
A9	Dressing for nine or more wounds
AA	Anesthesia services performed personally by anesthesiologist
AD	Medical supervision by a physician: more than four concurrent anesthesia procedures
AE	Registered dietician
AF	Specialty physician
AG	Primary physician
AH	Clinical psychologist
Al	Principal physician of record
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Modifier	Description
AJ	Clinical social worker
AK	Non participating physician
AM	Physician, team member service
AO	Alternate payment method declined by provider of service
AP	Determination of refractive state was not performed in the course of diagnostic ophthalmological examination
AQ	Physician providing a service in an unlisted health professional shortage area (HPSA)
AR	Physician provider services in a physician scarcity area
AS	Physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist services for assistant at surgery
AT	Acute treatment (this modifier should be used when reporting service 98940, 98941, 98942)
AU	Item furnished in conjunction with a urological, ostomy, or tracheostomy supply
AV	Item furnished in conjunction with a prosthetic device, prosthetic or orthotic
AW	Item furnished in conjunction with a surgical dressing
AX	Item furnished in conjunction with dialysis services
AY	Item or service furnished to an ESRD patient that is not for the treatment of ESRD
AZ	Physician providing a service in a dental health professional shortage area for the purpose of an electronic health record incentive payment
ВА	Item furnished in conjunction with parenteral enteral nutrition (PEN) services
BL	Special acquisition of blood and blood products
ВО	Orally administered nutrition, not by feeding tube
ВР	The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and has elected to purchase the item
BR	The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and has elected to rent the item
BU	The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and after 30 days has not informed the supplier of his/her decision
CA	Procedure payable only in the inpatient setting when performed emergently on an outpatient who expires prior to admission
СВ	Service ordered by a renal dialysis facility (RDF) physician as part of the ESRD beneficiary's dialysis benefit, is not part of the composite rate, and is separately reimbursable
СС	Procedure code change (use 'CC' when the procedure code submitted was changed either for administrative reasons or because an incorrect code was filed)

Modifier	Description
CD	AMCC test has been ordered by an ESRD facility or MCP physician that is part of the composite rate and is not separately billable
CE	AMCC test has been ordered by an ESRD facility or MCP physician that is a composite rate test but is beyond the normal frequency covered under the rate and is separately reimbursable based on medical necessity
CF	AMCC test has been ordered by an ESRD facility or MCP physician that is not part of the composite rate and is separately billable
CG	Policy criteria applied
СН	0 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CI	At least 1 percent but less than 20 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CJ	At least 20 percent but less than 40 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CK	At least 40 percent but less than 60 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CL	At least 60 percent but less than 80 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CM	At least 80 percent but less than 100 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CN	100 percent impaired, limited or restricted
со	Outpatient occupational therapy services furnished in whole or in part by an occupational therapy assistant
CQ	Outpatient physical therapy services furnished in whole or in part by a physical therapist assistant
CR	Catastrophe/disaster related
CS	Cost-sharing waived for specified COVID-19 testing-related services that result in and order for or administration of a COVID-19 test and/or used for cost-sharing waived preventive services furnished via telehealth in rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers during the COVID-19 public health emergency
СТ	Computed tomography services furnished using equipment that does not meet each of the attributes of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) XR-29-2013 standard
DA	Oral health assessment by a licensed health professional other than a dentist
E1	Upper left, eyelid
E2	Lower left, eyelid
E3	Upper right, eyelid
E4	Lower right, eyelid
EA	Erythropoietic stimulating agent (ESA) administered to treat anemia due to anti-cancer chemotherapy

Terminology

Terminology	Explanation
Abbe Estlander operation	Transfer of a full thickness section of one lip to the other lip ensuring survival of the graft.
Ablation	Surgical destruction of abnormal tissue or organ growth.
Abscess	A collection of pus in a walled off sac or pocket, the result of infection.
Abutment	The part of an implant that protrudes from its anchor point; or the point where two structures meet.
Accessory nasal sinuses	Paranasal sinuses present as a hollow cavity within the skull but open into the nasal cavity; these are lined with a mucosal membrane.
Accessory spinal nerve	One of the 12 cranial nerves; it supplies the sternocleidomastoid muscle and the trapezius muscle, a flat triangular shaped muscle that covers most of the upper back.
Acoustic immittance testing	A measurement of the vibration of the eardrum and the amount of air behind it, which helps to determine the cause of hearing loss.
Acoustic reflex	A measurement of the contraction of the stapedius muscle in response to loud sound.
Acoustic testing	Assessment of the perception or production of sound waves, in hearing and or speaking.
Adenoids	Lymph tissue at the back of the throat near the base of the nose.
Adhesions	Fibrous bands, which typically result from inflammation or injury during surgery that form between tissues and organs; they may be thought of as internal scar tissue.
Adhesive material	Cotton or a fabric coated with a covering that is used to cover minor skin injuries.
Adipose tissue	Loose connective tissue which stores the fat cells in the form of droplets.
Aerodynamic testing	Assessment of the pressure and flow of air into the larynx, or voice box.
Air conduction mode	Using tones at various frequencies, typically with the patient wearing headphones, to test hearing ability.
Algorithm	A specific set of step-by-step calculations using defined inputs at each step to produce a useful output.
Allergen	A substance, such as pollen, dust, dander, or venom, which triggers an allergic response.
Allergen immunotherapy	A treatment that involves periodic, gradual administration of purified allergen extracts via injection, aimed at overcoming or minimizing allergic reactions so that a patient develops tolerance to the allergens with fewer or no symptoms when exposed; allergy shots decrease the sensitivity to allergens and often lead to lasting relief of allergy symptoms.
Allergenic extract	Protein containing an extract purified from a substance that causes an allergic reaction in some individuals.
Allergic reaction	The result of the body's reaction to a specific substance that otherwise seems to be harmless but causes a severe reaction in a person allergic to the substance; also called anaphylaxis.
Allergy	An adverse reaction that the body has in response to a particular food or substance.
Allograft	Transplant of a graft from one person to another person of the same species; the two individuals should not be of the same genes in this type of transplant.
Alveolar bone	A thick bone that makes up the bony process of the upper jaw, called the maxilla, and the lower jaw, called the mandible; includes sockets for the teeth; the bone has small blood vessels and a nerve supply, and it provides support to the teeth.
Alveolar ridge	A ridge like border on the upper and lower jaw from where the teeth arise.
Alveoli	Air sacs that are a continuation of bronchioles and are responsible for exchange of gases.
Amplification	Making more copies of desired gene for study by processes such as polymerase chain reaction, called PCR, or transcription of DNA to RNA and reverse transcription from RNA to make an additional copy of the DNA.
Analgesic	Medicines that give relief from pain.
Anaphylactic / Anaphylaxis	The body's severe allergic reaction towards a specific substance which acts as an allergen.

Terminology	Explanation
Anastomosis	Connection between two structures, anatomical or surgically created, such as between two blood vessels or the colon after resection of a part; types of anastomosis include end to side and side to side.
Anesthesia	A medication induced state that reduces or eliminates sensitivity to pain, depending upon the type of anesthesia administered; general anesthesia renders the patient completely unconscious, while local or regional anesthesia reduce sensation to pain in specific areas of the body.
Anesthetic	Substance that reduces sensitivity to pain.
Aneurysm	Weakness in the wall of a blood vessel or wall of a ventricle of the heart, typically the left ventricle, causing the wall to balloon out; sometimes requiring surgical excision or repair to prevent rupture.
Ankyloglossia	Also called tongue tie, is a minor defect present from birth in which the frenum is too short and it limits the movement of the tongue.
Ankylosis	A condition which leads to stiffness or fusion, or permanent joining, of a joint, following an injury, surgery, or infection.
Anterior	Closer to the front part of the body or a structure.
Anterior nasal bone	Two small bones that form a bridge of bones in the front.
Anterior rhinoscopy	Examination of front part of the nose.
Anteroposterior, or AP, view	The X-ray beam travels from front to back.
Antibiotic	Substance that inhibits infection.
Anticoagulant	A drug that prevents clot formation within the blood vessels and dissolves any blood clot formed previously.
Antigen	Foreign bodies, such as bacteria, that enter the human body or substances that form within the body that cause an immune response and possibly infection.
Antrochoanal polyp	A solitary polyp that arises in the maxillary sinus and enlarges the sinus ostium, which is the natural opening into the sinus.
Antrostomy	A surgical break into the antrum, that refers to a cavity.
Antrum	A cavity or a chamber in a bone or any anatomical structure.
Arachnoid membrane	The middle of the three meninges, or membranes, that protect the spinal cord and brain.
Arteries	Vessels that carry oxygen rich blood away from the heart to the rest of the body.
Arteriovenous malformation	Abnormal connection of the arteries and veins along with the absence of capillaries that may cause intense pain and bleeding.
Arthralgia	Pain in a joint.
Arthritis	An inflammatory condition affecting one or more of the body's joints, resulting in pain, swelling, and limitation of movement.
Arthrography	A radiographic contrast joint study; the provider injects contrast into the joint and then takes X-rays in multiple projections; the contrast allows the provider to see more details than a conventional X-ray.
Articular disk	A fibrocartilaginous ligament cushion between the bones of a joint.
Articulate	Join, come together, as in a joint.
Articulation	Correct pronunciation of sounds.
Articulators	Jaw, lips and tongue.
Aryepiglottic fold	The entrance of the larynx, or the voice box, which is narrow in the front and wide behind.
Arytenoid	Cartilage present at the back of the voice box, responsible for production of specific voice sounds.
Arytenoidectomy	Surgical procedure in which the provider excises the arytenoids cartilage; it is generally performed to improve air flow through the airway.
Arytenoidopexy	Fixation or suspension of the arytenoid cartilage.
Aspirate	Small amount of cells or fluid from a cyst or mass.
Aspiration	Removal of fluid, gas, or other material through a tube attached to a suction device, often combined with irrigation, the instillation of fluid to clean a wound or to wash out a cavity such as the abdomen or stomach.
Asthma	Inflammation of bronchioles of lungs; cause breathing difficulty.

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