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2021 Radiology CPT Update Effective 1/1/2021

Each year the American Medical Association's CPT-4 code manual is revised to delete codes and/or guidelines, and to add or revise codes to reflect current technologies, techniques, and services. As a service to our radiology clients, APS Medical Billing has summarized those changes to facilitate accurate reporting of the affected services as of January 1, 2021.

There are only a few CPT code changes and new CPT codes assigned for radiology, effective in 2021.

Below we have outlined the changes made. All new codes are highlighted in red and revised/deleted codes are noted:

Lung Cancer Screening

Deleted Codes for 2021:

G0297 – Low dose CT scan (LDCT) for lung cancer screening

New Codes for 2021:

71271 – Computed tomography (CT), thorax, low dose for lung cancer screening, without contrast material(s)

CT Thorax

Revised Codes for 2021:

71250 – Computed tomography, thorax, diagnostic; without contrast material

71260 – Computed tomography, thorax, diagnostic; with contrast material(s)

71270 – Computed tomography, thorax, diagnostic; without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections



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Urography

Revised Codes for 2021:

74425 - Urography, antegrade, radiological supervision and interpretation

Biopsy

Deleted Codes for 2021:

32405 – Biopsy, lung or mediastinum, percutaneous needle

New Codes for 2021:

32408 – Core needle biopsy, lung or mediastinum, percutaneous, including imaging guidance, when performed

Interventional Radiology/Procedures

Deleted Codes for 2021:

0228T – Injection(s), anesthetic agent and/or steroid, transforaminal epidural, with ultrasound guidance, cervical or thoracic, single level

0229T – Injection(s), anesthetic agent and/or steroid, transforaminal epidural, with ultrasound guidance, cervical or thoracic, each additional level (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

0230T – Injection(s), anesthetic agent and/or steroid, transforaminal epidural, with ultrasound guidance, lumbar or sacral, single level

0231T – Injection(s), anesthetic agent and/or steroid, transforaminal epidural, with ultrasound guidance, lumbar or sacral, each additional level (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)



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New Codes for 2021:

0620T – Endovascular venous arterialization, tibial or peroneal vein, with transcatheter placement of intravascular stent graft(s) and closure by any method, including percutaneous or open vascular access, ultrasound guidance for vascular access when performed, all catheterization(s) and intraprocedural roadmapping and imaging guidance necessary to complete the intervention, all associated radiological supervision and interpretation, when performed

55880 – Ablation of malignant prostate tissue, transrectal, with high intensity-focused ultrasound (HIFU), including ultrasound guidance

Revised Codes for 2021:

64479 – Injection(s), anesthetic agent(s) and/or steroid; transforaminal epidural, with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), cervical or thoracic, single level

64480 – Injection(s), anesthetic agent(s) and/or steroid; transforaminal epidural, with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), cervical or thoracic, each additional level (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

64483 – Injection(s), anesthetic agent(s) and/or steroid; transforaminal epidural, with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), lumbar or sacral, single level

64484 – Injection(s), anesthetic agent(s) and/or steroid; transforaminal epidural, with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), lumbar or sacral, each additional level (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)