

Prostate Specimen Coding

As of January 1, 2015, there will be only one code you can report to CMS for prostate needle specimens:

G0416 Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination, for prostate needle biopsy, any **method**,
any number of specimens

**HCPCS codes deleted in 2015: G0417, G0418, G0419*

You cannot report 88305 for a prostate needle biopsy for a Medicare beneficiary. Code G0416 has a global, professional and technical component in the physician fee schedule and the appropriate modifier can be appended (TC or -26) depending on the billing circumstances.

As this is only a guideline for a Medicare beneficiary, continue to report 88305 for the appropriate number of separately identified specimens. APS Medical Billing accommodates this change through a system program to convert 88305 to the appropriate "G" code if the patient is a Medicare or Medicaid beneficiary (or if the patient's insurance follows Medicare guidelines).