

UnitedHealthcare® Medicare Advantage Policy Appendix: Applicable Code List

Outpatient Surgical Procedures – Site of Service: CPT/HCPCS Codes

This list of codes applies to the Medical Policy titled Outpatient Surgical Procedures -Site of Service for Medicare Advantage plans.

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Applicable Codes

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This list contains CPT codes for the following:

- Cardiovascular System •
- **Digestive System** .
- Eye/Ocular Adnexa System
- Female Genital System
- Integumentary System
- Male Genital System •
- Musculoskeletal System
- Nervous System

- Respiratory System
- **Urinary System**

CPT/HCPCS Code	Description
Cardiovascular Sy	stem
36903	Introduction of needle(s) and/or catheter(s), dialysis circuit, with diagnostic angiography of the dialysis circuit, including all direct puncture(s) and catheter placement(s), injection(s) of contrast, all necessary imaging from the arterial anastomosis and adjacent artery through entire venous outflow including the inferior or superior vena cava, fluoroscopic guidance, radiological supervision and interpretation and image documentation and report; with transcatheter placement of intravascular stent(s), peripheral dialysis segment, including all imaging and radiological supervision and interpretation necessary to perform the stenting, and all angioplasty within the peripheral dialysis segment
36904	Percutaneous transluminal mechanical thrombectomy and/or infusion for thrombolysis, dialysis circuit, any method, including all imaging and radiological supervision and interpretation, diagnostic angiography, fluoroscopic guidance, catheter placement(s), and intraprocedural pharmacological thrombolytic injection(s)
36905	Percutaneous transluminal mechanical thrombectomy and/or infusion for thrombolysis, dialysis circuit, any method, including all imaging and radiological supervision and interpretation, diagnostic angiography, fluoroscopic guidance, catheter placement(s), and intraprocedural pharmacological thrombolytic injection(s); with transluminal balloon angioplasty, peripheral dialysis segment, including all imaging and radiological supervision and interpretation necessary to perform the angioplasty

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Cardiovascular System		
36906	Percutaneous transluminal mechanical thrombectomy and/or infusion for thrombolysis, dialysis circuit, any method, including all imaging and radiological supervision and interpretation, diagnostic angiography, fluoroscopic guidance, catheter placement(s), and intraprocedural pharmacological thrombolytic injection(s); with transcatheter placement of intravascular stent(s), peripheral dialysis segment, including all imaging and radiological supervision and interpretation necessary to perform the stenting, and all angioplasty within the peripheral dialysis circuit	
Digestive System		
43235	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing, when performed (separate procedure)	
43236	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with directed submucosal injection(s), any substance	
43237	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with endoscopic ultrasound examination limited to the esophagus, stomach or duodenum, and adjacent structures	
43238	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s), esophagus (includes endoscopic ultrasound examination limited to the esophagus, stomach or duodenum, and adjacent structures)	
43239	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with biopsy, single or multiple	
43240	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transmural drainage of pseudocyst (includes placement of transmural drainage catheter[s]/stent[s], when performed, and endoscopic ultrasound, when performed)	
43241	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with insertion of intraluminal tube or catheter	
43242	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s) (includes endoscopic ultrasound examination of the esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum or a surgically altered stomach where the jejunum is examined distal to the anastomosis)	
43245	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with dilation of gastric/duodenal stricture(s) (e.g., balloon, bougie)	
43247	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of foreign body(s)	
43248	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with insertion of guide wire followed by passage of dilator(s) through esophagus over guide wire	
43249	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic balloon dilation of esophagus (less than 30 mm diameter)	
43250	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) b hot biopsy forceps	
43251	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) b snare technique	
43253	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided transmural injection of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) (e.g., anesthetic, neurolytic agent) or fiducial marker(s (includes endoscopic ultrasound examination of the esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum or a surgically altered stomach where the jejunum is examined distal to the anastomosis)	
43254	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with endoscopic mucosal resection	
43255	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with control of bleeding, any method	
43259	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with endoscopic ultrasound examination, including the esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum or a surgically altered stomach where the jejunum is examined distal to the anastomosis	
44388	Colonoscopy through stoma; diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing, when performed (separate procedure)	

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Digestive System	
44389	Colonoscopy through stoma; with biopsy, single or multiple
44391	Colonoscopy through stoma; with control of bleeding, any method
44408	Colonoscopy through stoma; with decompression (for pathologic distention) (e.g., volvulus, megacolon), including placement of decompression tube, when performed
45330	Sigmoidoscopy, flexible; diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing, when performed (separate procedure)
45378	Colonoscopy, flexible; diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing, when performed (separate procedure)
45379	Colonoscopy, flexible; with removal of foreign body(s)
45380	Colonoscopy, flexible; with biopsy, single or multiple
45381	Colonoscopy, flexible; with directed submucosal injection(s), any substance
45382	Colonoscopy, flexible; with control of bleeding, any method
45384	Colonoscopy, flexible; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by hot biopsy forceps
45385	Colonoscopy, flexible; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by snare technique
45386	Colonoscopy, flexible; with transendoscopic balloon dilation
45388	Colonoscopy, flexible; with ablation of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) (includes pre- and post- dilation and guide wire passage, when performed)
45389	Colonoscopy, flexible; with endoscopic stent placement (includes pre- and post-dilation and guide wire passage, when performed)
45390	Colonoscopy, flexible; with endoscopic mucosal resection
45393	Colonoscopy, flexible; with decompression (for pathologic distention) (e.g., volvulus, megacolon), including placement of decompression tube, when performed
49505	Repair initial inguinal hernia, age 5 years or older; reducible
49521	Repair recurrent inguinal hernia, any age; incarcerated or strangulated
49525	Repair inguinal hernia, sliding, any age
49550	Repair initial femoral hernia, any age; reducible
49553	Repair initial femoral hernia, any age; incarcerated or strangulated
49650	Laparoscopy, surgical; repair initial inguinal hernia
49651	Laparoscopy, surgical; repair recurrent inguinal hernia
G0105	Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual at high risk
G0121	Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual not meeting criteria for high risk
Eye/Ocular Adnex	a System
65756	Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); endothelial
65820	Goniotomy
65855	Trabeculoplasty by laser surgery
66170	Fistulization of sclera for glaucoma; trabeculectomy ab externo in absence of previous surgery
66180	Aqueous shunt to extraocular equatorial plate reservoir, external approach; with graft
66183	Insertion of anterior segment aqueous drainage device, without extraocular reservoir, external approach

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Eye/Ocular Adne	xa System
66982	Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (1-stage procedure), manual or mechanical technique (e.g., irrigation and aspiration or phacoemulsification), complex, requiring devices or techniques not generally used in routine cataract surgery (e.g., iris expansion device, suture support for intraocular lens, or primary posterior capsulorrhexis) or performed on patients in the amblyogenic developmental stage; without endoscopic cyclophotocoagulation
66984	Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (1 stage procedure), manual or mechanical technique (e.g., irrigation and aspiration or phacoemulsification); without endoscopic cyclophotocoagulation
67036	Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach;
67040	Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach; with endolaser panretinal photocoagulation
67041	Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach; with removal of preretinal cellular membrane (e.g., macula pucker)
67042	Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach; with removal of internal limiting membrane of retina (e.g., for repair of macular hole, diabetic macular edema), includes, if performed, intraocular tamponade (i.e., air, gas or silicone oil)
67108	Repair of retinal detachment; with vitrectomy, any method, including, when performed, air or gas tamponade, focal endolaser photocoagulation, cryotherapy, drainage of subretinal fluid, scleral buckling and/or removal of lens by same technique
67113	Repair of complex retinal detachment (e.g., proliferative vitreoretinopathy, stage C-1 or greater, diabetic traction retinal detachment, retinopathy of prematurity, retinal tear of greater than 90 degrees), with vitrectomy and membrane peeling, including, when performed, air, gas, or silicone oil tamponade, cryotherapy, endolaser photocoagulation, drainage of subretinal fluid, scleral buckling, and/or removal clens
67145	Prophylaxis of retinal detachment (e.g., retinal break, lattice degeneration) without drainage, 1 or more sessions; photocoagulation (laser or xenon arc)
67210	Destruction of localized lesion of retina (e.g., macular edema, tumors), 1 or more sessions; photocoagulation
67228	Treatment of extensive or progressive retinopathy (e.g., diabetic retinopathy), photocoagulation
67900	Repair of brow ptosis (supraciliary, mid-forehead or coronal approach)
67904	Repair of blepharoptosis; (tarso) levator resection or advancement, external approach
67917	Repair of ectropion; extensive (e.g., tarsal strip operations)
Female Genital S	ystem
57240	Anterior colporrhaphy, repair of cystocele with or without repair of urethrocele, including cystourethroscopy, when performed
57260	Combined anteroposterior colporrhaphy, including cystourethroscopy, when performed
57288	Sling operation for stress incontinence (e.g., fascia or synthetic)
58558	Hysteroscopy, surgical; with sampling (biopsy) of endometrium and/or polypectomy, with or without D and C
ntegumentary Sy	/stem
14040	Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, forehead, cheeks, chin, mouth, neck, axillae, genitalia, hands and/or feet; defect 10 sq cm or less
14060	Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, eyelids, nose, ears and/or lips; defect 10 sq cm or less
14301	Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, any area; defect 30.1 sq cm to 60.0 sq cm
15100	Split graft, trunk, arms, legs; first 100 sq cm or less, or one percent of body area of infants and children (except 15050)

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Integumentary Sy	rstem
15120	Split-thickness autograft, face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits; first 100 sq cm or less, or 1% of body area of infants and children (except 15050)
15220	Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, scalp, arms, and/or legs; 20 sq cm or less
15240	Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, forehead, cheeks, chin, mouth, neck, axillae, genitalia, hands, and/or feet; 20 sq cm or less
15260	Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, nose, ears, eyelids, and/or lips; 20 sq cm or less
15823	Blepharoplasty, upper eyelid; with excessive skin weighting down lid
19125	Excision of breast lesion identified by preoperative placement of radiological marker, open; single lesion
Male Genital Syst	em
55040	Excision of hydrocele; unilateral
55700	Biopsy, prostate; needle or punch, single or multiple, any approach
Musculoskeletal S	System
22514	Percutaneous vertebral augmentation, including cavity creation (fracture reduction and bone biopsy included when performed) using mechanical device (e.g., kyphoplasty), 1 vertebral body, unilateral or bilateral cannulation, inclusive of all imaging guidance; lumbar
23430	Tenodesis of long tendon of biceps
23615	Open treatment of proximal humeral (surgical or anatomical neck) fracture, includes internal fixation, when performed, includes repair of tuberosity(s), when performed
23630	Open treatment of greater humeral tuberosity fracture, includes internal fixation, when performed
24515	Open treatment of humeral shaft fracture with plate/screws, with or without cerclage
24516	Treatment of humeral shaft fracture, with insertion of intramedullary implant, with or without cerclage and/or locking screws
24665	Open treatment of radial head or neck fracture, includes internal fixation or radial head excision, when performed
24666	Open treatment of radial head or neck fracture, includes internal fixation or radial head excision, when performed; with radial head prosthetic replacement
25545	Open treatment of ulnar shaft fracture, includes internal fixation, when performed
25605	Closed treatment of distal radial fracture (e.g., Colles or Smith type) or epiphyseal separation, with or without fracture of ulnar styloid; with manipulation
25606	Percutaneous skeletal fixation of distal radial fracture or epiphyseal separation
25607	Open treatment of distal radial extra-articular fracture or epiphyseal separation, with internal fixation
25608	Open treatment of distal radial intra-articular fracture or epiphyseal separation; with internal fixation of 2 fragments
25609	Open treatment of distal radial intra-articular fracture or epiphyseal separation; with internal fixation of 3 or more fragments
26055	Tendon sheath incision (e.g., for trigger finger)
26123	Fasciectomy, partial palmar with release of single digit including proximal interphalangeal joint, with or without Z-plasty, other local tissue rearrangement, or skin grafting (includes obtaining graft)
28120	Partial excision (craterization, saucerization, sequestrectomy, or diaphysectomy) bone (e.g., osteomyelitis or bossing); talus or calcaneus
28285	Correction, hammertoe (e.g., interphalangeal fusion, partial or total phalangectomy)

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Musculoskeletal S	System
28288	Ostectomy, partial, exostectomy or condylectomy, metatarsal head, each metatarsal head
28291	Hallux rigidus correction with cheilectomy, debridement and capsular release of the first metatarsophalangeal joint; with implant
28296	Correction, hallux valgus with bunionectomy, with sesamoidectomy when performed; with distal metatarsal osteotomy, any method
29823	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; debridement, extensive
29824	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; distal claviculectomy including distal articular surface (Mumford procedure)
29827	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; with rotator cuff repair
29828	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; biceps tenodesis
29848	Endoscopy, wrist, surgical, with release of transverse carpal ligament
29870	Arthroscopy, knee, diagnostic, with or without synovial biopsy (separate procedure)
29874	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; for removal of loose body or foreign body (e.g., osteochondritis dissecans fragmentation, chondral fragmentation)
29875	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; synovectomy, limited (e.g., plica or shelf resection) (separate procedure)
29876	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; synovectomy, major, two or more compartments (e.g., medial or lateral)
29877	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; debridement/shaving of articular cartilage (chondroplasty)
29879	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; abrasion arthroplasty (includes chondroplasty where necessary) or multiple drilling or microfracture
29880	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with meniscectomy (medial AND lateral, including any meniscal shaving) including debridement/shaving of articular cartilage (chondroplasty), same or separate compartment(s), when performed
29881	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with meniscectomy (medial OR lateral, including any meniscal shaving) including debridement/shaving of articular cartilage (chondroplasty), same or separate compartment(s), when performed
29888	Arthroscopically aided anterior cruciate ligament repair/augmentation or reconstruction
Nervous System	
62270	Spinal puncture, lumbar, diagnostic
62321	Injection(s), of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) (e.g., anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution), not including neurolytic substances, including needle or catheter placement, interlaminate pidural or subarachnoid, cervical or thoracic; with imaging guidance (i.e., fluoroscopy or CT)
62322	Injection(s), of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) (e.g., anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution), not including neurolytic substances, including needle or catheter placement, interlaminate epidural or subarachnoid, lumbar or sacral (caudal); without imaging guidance
62323	Injection(s), of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) (e.g., anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution), not including neurolytic substances, including needle or catheter placement, interlaminate epidural or subarachnoid, lumbar or sacral (caudal); with imaging guidance (i.e., fluoroscopy or CT)
64405	Injection(s), anesthetic agent(s) and/or steroid; greater occipital nerve
64418	Injection(s), anesthetic agent(s) and/or steroid; suprascapular nerve
64483	Injection(s), anesthetic agent(s) and/or steroid; transforaminal epidural, with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), lumbar or sacral, single level
64490	Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with image guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), cervical or thoracic; single level

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Nervous System	
64493	Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with image guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), lumbar or sacral; single level
64510	Injection, anesthetic agent; stellate ganglion (cervical sympathetic)
64633	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, single facet joint
64635	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, single facet joint
64718	Neuroplasty and/or transposition; ulnar nerve at elbow
64721	Neuroplasty and/or transposition; median nerve at carpal tunnel
Respiratory Syste	m
30520	Septoplasty or submucous resection, with or without cartilage scoring, contouring or replacement with graft
Urinary System	
50590	Lithotripsy, extracorporeal shock wave
51720	Bladder instillation of anticarcinogenic agent (including retention time)
51728	Complex cystometrogram (i.e., calibrated electronic equipment); with voiding pressure studies (i.e., bladder voiding pressure), any technique
51729	Complex cystometrogram (i.e., calibrated electronic equipment); with voiding pressure studies (i.e., bladder voiding pressure) and urethral pressure profile studies (i.e., urethral closure pressure profile), an technique
52000	Cystourethroscopy (separate procedure)
52001	Cystourethroscopy with irrigation and evacuation of multiple obstructing clots
52005	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteral catheterization, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service
52007	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteral catheterization, with or without irrigation, instillation, or ureteropyelography, exclusive of radiologic service; with brush biopsy of ureter and/or renal pelvis
52204	Cystourethroscopy, with biopsy(s)
52214	Cystourethroscopy, with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) of trigone, bladder neck, prostatic fossa, urethra, or periurethral glands
52224	Cystourethroscopy, with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) or treatment of minor (less than 0.5 cm) lesion(s) with or without biopsy
52234	Cystourethroscopy, with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) and/or resection of; small bladder tumor(s) (0.5 up to 2.0 cm)
52235	Cystourethroscopy, with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) and/or resection of; medium bladder tumor(s) (2.0 to 5.0 cm)
52275	Cystourethroscopy, with internal urethrotomy; male
52276	Cystourethroscopy with direct vision internal urethrotomy
52281	Cystourethroscopy, with calibration and/or dilation of urethral stricture or stenosis, with or without meatotomy, with or without injection procedure for cystography, male or female
52282	Cystourethroscopy, with insertion of permanent urethral stent
52285	Cystourethroscopy for treatment of the female urethral syndrome with any or all of the following: urethral meatotomy, urethral dilation, internal urethrotomy, lysis of urethrovaginal septal fibrosis, lateral incisions of the bladder neck, and fulguration of polyp(s) of urethra, bladder neck, and/or trigone
52287	Cystourethroscopy, with injection(s) for chemodenervation of the bladder

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Urinary System	
52300	Cystourethroscopy; with resection or fulguration of orthotopic ureterocele(s), unilateral or bilateral
52310	Cystourethroscopy, with removal of foreign body, calculus, or ureteral stent from urethra or bladder (separate procedure); simple
52315	Cystourethroscopy, with removal of foreign body, calculus, or ureteral stent from urethra or bladder (separate procedure); complicated
52320	Cystourethroscopy (including ureteral catheterization); with removal of ureteral calculus
52325	Cystourethroscopy (including ureteral catheterization); with fragmentation of ureteral calculus (e.g., ultrasonic or electro-hydraulic technique)
52330	Cystourethroscopy (including ureteral catheterization); with manipulation, without removal of ureteral calculus
52332	Cystourethroscopy, with insertion of indwelling ureteral stent (e.g., Gibbons or double-J type)
52341	Cystourethroscopy; with treatment of ureteral stricture (e.g., balloon dilation, laser, electrocautery, and incision)
52344	Cystourethroscopy with ureteroscopy; with treatment of ureteral stricture (e.g., balloon dilation, laser, electrocautery, and incision)
52351	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy; diagnostic
52352	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy; with removal or manipulation of calculus (ureteral catheterization is included)
52353	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy; with lithotripsy (ureteral catheterization is included)
52354	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy; with biopsy and/or fulguration of ureteral or renal pelvic lesion
52356	Cystourethroscopy, with ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy; with lithotripsy including insertion of indwelling ureteral stent (e.g., Gibbons or double-J type)
52630	Transurethral resection; residual or regrowth of obstructive prostate tissue including control of postoperative bleeding, complete (vasectomy, meatotomy, cystourethroscopy, urethral calibration and/or dilation, and internal urethrotomy are included)
53445	Insertion of inflatable urethral/bladder neck sphincter, including placement of pump, reservoir, and cuff

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