

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE: SITE OF SERVICE MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEWS FOR CERTAIN PROCEDURE CODES

APPLICABLE CODES

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CPT Code	Description
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) by hot biopsy forceps
43251	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by 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

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44388	Colonoscopy through stoma; diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing, when performed (separate procedure)
44389	Colonoscopy through stoma; with biopsy, single or multiple
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
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
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
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
49570	Repair epigastric hernia (e.g., preperitoneal fat); reducible (separate procedure)
49572	Repair epigastric hernia (e.g., preperitoneal fat); incarcerated or strangulated
49585	Repair umbilical hernia, age 5 years or older; reducible
49587	Repair umbilical hernia, age 5 years or older; incarcerated or strangulated
49650	Laparoscopy, surgical; repair initial inguinal hernia
49651	Laparoscopy, surgical; repair recurrent inguinal hernia
49652	Laparoscopy, surgical, repair, ventral, umbilical, spigelian or epigastric hernia (includes mesh insertion, when performed); reducible
49653	Laparoscopy, surgical, repair, ventral, umbilical, spigelian or epigastric hernia (includes mesh insertion, when performed); incarcerated or strangulated
49654	Laparoscopy, surgical, repair, incisional hernia (includes mesh insertion, when performed); reducible
49655	Laparoscopy, surgical, repair, incisional hernia (includes mesh insertion, when performed); incarcerated or strangulated
49656	Laparoscopy, surgical, repair, recurrent incisional hernia (includes mesh insertion, when performed); reducible
Eye/Ocular Adnexa System	
65756	Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); endothelial
65820	Goniotomy
66170	Fistulization of sclera for glaucoma; trabeculectomy ab externo in absence of previous surgery
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

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Eye/Ocular Adnexa System	
67041	Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach; with removal of preretinal cellular membrane (e.g., macular 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 of lens
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
Female Genital System	
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
Integumentary System	
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)
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
19125	Excision of breast lesion identified by preoperative placement of radiological marker, open; single lesion
Male Genital System	
55040	Excision of hydrocele; unilateral
55700	Biopsy, prostate; needle or punch, single or multiple, any approach
Musculoskeletal 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

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Musculoskeletal System	
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)
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 (bunionectomy), with sesamoidectomy, when performed; with distal metatarsal osteotomy, any method
29823	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; debridement, extensive
29824	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; distal claviclectomy 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

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Musculoskeletal System	
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	
64718	Neuroplasty and/or transposition; ulnar nerve at elbow
64721	Neuroplasty and/or transposition; median nerve at carpal tunnel
Respiratory System	
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), any 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
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)

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Urinary System	
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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