

# Outpatient Cardiology Procedures for EviCore Arrangement (for Oxford Only)

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## Related Policies

- [Credentialing Guidelines: Participation in the Oxford and EviCore Radiology Networks](#)
- [Magnetic Resonance Imaging \(MRI\) and Computed Tomography \(CT\) Scan – Site of Service](#)
- [Oxford's Outpatient Imaging Self-Referral Policy](#)
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## Coverage Rationale

 See [Benefit Considerations](#)

Oxford has engaged EviCore, by Evernorth, to perform initial reviews of requests for prior authorization that may include a site of service review (Oxford continues to be responsible for decisions to limit or deny coverage and for appeals). Refer to the Medical Policy titled [Magnetic Resonance Imaging \(MRI\) and Computed Tomography \(CT\) Scan – Site of Service](#).

All prior authorization requests are handled by EviCore. To obtain prior authorization for a cardiology procedure, contact EviCore via one of the three options below:

- Providers can call 1-877-PRE-AUTH (1-877-773-2884); or
- Providers can log onto the [Prior Authorization and Notification App](#)

EviCore has established correct coding and evidence-based criteria to determine the medical necessity and appropriate billing of cardiology services. These criteria have been carefully researched and are continually updated in order to be consistent with the most current evidence-based criteria. The cardiology evidence-based criteria and management criteria are available on the EviCore website using the [Prior Authorization and Notification App](#).

Treating Cardiology providers may be asked to submit a clinical submission form. The following information/documentation may be required:

- Copies of office notes and treatment planning documents
- Results of key diagnostic studies and/or office notes

In conjunction with board certified cardiologists and radiologists, EviCore staff will evaluate the submitted treatment and billing plans. Providers will be informed, in writing, as to which services have been approved for payment. Where provided by state regulations, a board-certified cardiologist will be available to discuss the payment decision with the treating provider.

## Payment by Specialty and Accreditation Requirements

Participating providers will be reimbursed for radiology and cardiology services rendered in the office or in an outpatient setting. The following is a list of requirements by cardiac service that are payable to participating providers based on their specialty as well as their accreditation status. Prior authorization is required.

Oxford has engaged EviCore to manage the accreditation process for our provider network. Accreditations should be submitted directly to the [Evicore website](#). To ensure prompt handling of the accreditation, ensure that all applicable facility and physician information is included.

This policy assumes board certification by an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) recognized in the provider specialty listed below.

**Note:** Hospitals are currently excluded from the privileging and accreditation requirements below.

**Payment by Specialty requirements for participating providers to perform cardiac services:**

Modality	Specialty
Nuclear Medicine, Cardiac CT Scan, Cardiac PET, and Cardiac MRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Radiologist</li><li>• Radiology center/facility</li><li>• Certified cardiologist</li><li>• Cardiovascular disease specialists</li></ul>
Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cardiovascular disease</li><li>• Cardiology group</li><li>• Pediatric cardiology</li><li>• Cardiology</li><li>• Clinical cardiac electro physician</li><li>• Cardiac electrophysiology</li></ul>

**Accreditation requirements for participating providers to perform cardiac services:**

Modality	Certification Required
Cardiac CT Scan, Cardiac PET, Cardiac MRI, and Nuclear Medicine	ACR (American College of Radiology); IAC (Intersocietal Accreditation Commission); RadSite; or The Joint Commission (TJC)

## Payment Guidelines

- The notification/authorization number is valid for 45 calendar days. It is specific to the advanced outpatient imaging procedure requested, to be performed one time, for one date of service within the 45-day period.
- Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that are not subject to TC/PC component may be reimbursed to both the physician and facility when billed for the same date of service (DOS).
- ECG, diagnostic studies, and injection procedures must be billed in conjunction with an authorized cardiac catheterization code in order to be reimbursed on the same date of service. When billed in conjunction with an authorized cardiac catheterization, no separate authorization will be required in addition to the catheterization code for these services.

## Applicable Codes

The following list of procedure codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies may apply.

<b>CPT/HCPCS Code</b>	<b>Procedure Description</b>	<b>Effective for Claims with Dates of Service (on or after):</b>	<b>Type</b>
0571T	Insertion or replacement of implantable cardioverter-defibrillator system with substernal electrode(s), including all imaging guidance and electrophysiological evaluation (includes defibrillation threshold evaluation, induction of arrhythmia, evaluation of sensing for arrhythmia termination, and programming or reprogramming of sensing or therapeutic parameters), when performed	06/01/2021	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
0614T	Removal and replacement of substernal implantable defibrillator pulse generator	06/01/2021	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
75557	Cardiac MRI for morphology and function without contrast material	07/01/2013	MRI
75559	Cardiac MRI for morphology and function without contrast material; with stress imaging	07/01/2013	MRI
75561	Cardiac MRI for morphology and function without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	07/01/2013	MRI
75563	Cardiac MRI for morphology and function without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences; with stress imaging	07/01/2013	MRI
75571	Computed tomography, heart, without contrast material, with quantitative evaluation of coronary calcium	07/01/2013	Cardiac CT Scan
75572	Computed tomography, heart, with contrast material, for evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology (including 3D image postprocessing, assessment of cardiac function, and evaluation of venous structures, if performed)	07/01/2013	Cardiac CT Scan
75573	Computed tomography, heart, with contrast material, for evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology in the setting of congenital heart disease (including 3D image postprocessing, assessment of left ventricular [LV] cardiac function, right ventricular [RV] structure and function and evaluation of vascular structures, if performed)	07/01/2013	Cardiac CT Scan
75574	Computed tomographic angiography, heart, coronary arteries and bypass grafts (when present), with contrast material, including 3D image postprocessing (including evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology, assessment of cardiac function, and evaluation of venous structures, if performed)	07/01/2013	Cardiac CT Scan
75580	Noninvasive estimate of coronary fractional flow reserve (FFR) derived from augmentative software analysis of the data set from a coronary computed tomography angiography, with interpretation and report by a physician or other qualified health care professional	01/01/2024	FFR-CT
78451	Myocardial perfusion imaging, tomographic (SPECT) (including attenuation correction, qualitative or quantitative wall motion, ejection fraction by first pass or gated technique, additional quantification, when performed); single study, at rest or stress (exercise or pharmacologic)	07/01/2013	Nuclear Medicine

<b>CPT/HCPCS Code</b>	<b>Procedure Description</b>	<b>Effective for Claims with Dates of Service (on or after):</b>	<b>Type</b>
78452	Myocardial perfusion imaging, tomographic (SPECT) (including attenuation correction, qualitative or quantitative wall motion, ejection fraction by first pass or gated technique, additional quantification, when performed); multiple studies, at rest and/or stress (exercise or pharmacologic) and/or redistribution and/or rest reinjection	07/01/2013	Nuclear Medicine
78453	Myocardial perfusion imaging, planar (including qualitative or quantitative wall motion, ejection fraction by first pass or gated technique, additional quantification, when performed); single study, at rest or stress (exercise or pharmacologic)	07/01/2013	Nuclear Medicine
78454	Myocardial perfusion imaging, planar (including qualitative or quantitative wall motion, ejection fraction by first pass or gated technique, additional quantification, when performed); multiple studies, at rest and/or stress (exercise or pharmacologic) and/or redistribution and/or rest reinjection	07/01/2013	Nuclear Medicine
78459	Myocardial imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), metabolic evaluation study (including ventricular wall motion[s] and/or ejection fraction[s], when performed), single study	07/01/2013	PET Scan
78491	Myocardial imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), perfusion study (including ventricular wall motion[s] and/or ejection fraction[s], when performed); single study, at rest or stress (exercise or pharmacologic)	07/01/2013	PET Scan
78492	Myocardial imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), perfusion study (including ventricular wall motion[s] and/or ejection fraction[s], when performed); multiple studies at rest and stress (exercise or pharmacologic)	07/01/2013	PET Scan
93350	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, during rest and cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharmacologically induced stress, with interpretation and report	04/01/2014	Stress Echocardiogram
93351	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, during rest and cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharmacologically induced stress, with interpretation and report; including performance of continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, with supervision by a physician or other qualified health care professional	04/01/2014	Stress Echocardiogram
93452	Left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, imaging supervision and interpretation, when performed	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
93453	Combined right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, imaging supervision and interpretation, when performed	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
93454	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations

CPT/HCPCS Code	Procedure Description	Effective for Claims with Dates of Service (on or after):	Type
93455	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
93456	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right heart catheterization	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
93457	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography and right heart catheterization	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
93458	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
93459	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
93460	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations
93461	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography	07/01/2013	Diagnostic Cardiac Heart Catheterizations

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## Diagnostic Catheterization Crosswalk

The chart below contains a mapping of CPT® codes that are interchangeable for prior authorization. If a provider obtains prior authorization for a procedure that corresponds with the Crosswalk, then the substitution is appropriate.

Prior Authorization Given for this CPT Code		Claim is Submitted with this CPT Code
CPT Code	Procedure Description	Code Billed
93452	Left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, imaging supervision and interpretation, when performed	93453-93461
93453	Combined right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, imaging supervision and interpretation, when performed	93451, 93452; 93454-93461
93454	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation	93452-93453; 93455-93461
93455	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography	93452-93454; 93456-93461
93456	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right heart catheterization	93452-93455; 93457
93457	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography and right heart catheterization	93452-93456; 93458-93461
93458	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed	93452-93457; 93459-93461
93459	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography	93452-93458; 93460-93461
93460	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed	93452-93459; 93461
93461	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography	93452-93460

## Stress Echocardiogram Crosswalk

The chart below contains a mapping of CPT® codes that are interchangeable for prior authorization. If a provider obtains prior authorization for a procedure that corresponds with the Crosswalk, then the substitution is appropriate.



Prior Authorization Given for this CPT Code		Claim is Submitted with this CPT Code
CPT Code	Procedure Description	Code Billed
93350	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, during rest and cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharmacologically induced stress, with interpretation	93351
93351	Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, during rest and cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharmacologically induced stress, with interpretation	93350

## Description of Services

The following radiology procedures may require prior authorization through EviCore:

- Cardiac computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan
- Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Fractional flow reserve (FFR-CT)
- Nuclear stress testing
- Cardiac positron emission tomography (PET) scans
- Outpatient cardiac catheterization (elective, left, dual)
- Outpatient stress echocardiogram

**Note:** Additional procedures may be added to the list of procedures requiring prior authorization through EviCore, as necessary.

## Benefit Considerations

### Groups With Out-of-Network Benefits

Oxford commercial members who have out-of-network benefits also need to obtain prior authorization for outpatient cardiology studies when seeing an out-of-network provider.

## Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
01/01/2026	<p><b>Title Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previously titled <i>Cardiology Procedures for eviCore healthcare Arrangement</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Coverage Rationale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replaced references to “eviCore healthcare” with “EviCore”</li> <li>• Removed EviCore fax number</li> <li>• Replaced language indicating “Oxford has engaged eviCore healthcare to perform initial reviews of requests for prior authorization that may include a site of service review” with “Oxford has engaged EviCore by Evernorth (Evicore) to perform initial reviews of requests for prior authorization that may include a site of service review”</li> <li>• Removed language indicating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oxford has engaged eviCore healthcare to manage the accreditation process for our provider network; accreditations should be submitted directly to the eviCore healthcare website</li> <li>○ To ensure prompt handling of the accreditation, ensure that all applicable facility and physician information is included</li> <li>○ This policy assumes board certification by an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) recognized in the provider specialty listed [in the policy]</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Payment by Specialty and Accreditation Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added language to indicate:</li> </ul>

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## Instructions for Use

This Clinical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare Oxford standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the member specific benefit plan document must be referenced as the terms of the member specific benefit plan may differ from the standard plan. In the event of a conflict, the member specific benefit plan document governs. Before using this policy, check the member specific benefit plan document and any applicable federal or state mandates. UnitedHealthcare Oxford reserves the right to modify its Policies as necessary. This Clinical Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

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