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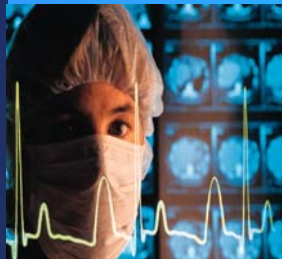
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Permanent Prostate Seed Implants
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Medicare Physician Fee Update 2006



- ❖ In 2005 conversion factor \$37.8975
- ❖ 2006
 - ❖ Increase of 1.5% or decrease 4.3%
 - ❖ Congressional action needed
 - ❖ <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.html>
 - ❖ S.1356.IS
 - ❖ H.R.3617.IH
- ❖ > Technical
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| CPT HCPCS | Mod | Description | 2006 Proposed RVUs | | 2005 Current RVUs | | % Change Non-Facility | % Change Facility |
|--------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | | |
| 55859 | | Percut/needle insert, pros | NA | 20.13 | 19.20 | 19.20 | NA | 4.84% |
| 57155 | | Insert uteri tandems/ovoids | NA | 11.15 | 11.25 | 11.25 | NA | -0.89% |
| 76370 | TC | Ct scan for therapy guide | 4.63 | NA | 3.11 | 3.11 | 48.87% | NA |
| 76950 | | Echo guidance radiotherapy | 2.23 | NA | 2.18 | 2.18 | 2.29% | NA |
| 76950 | 26 | Echo guidance radiotherapy | 0.81 | 0.81 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 1.25% | 1.25% |
| 76950 | TC | Echo guidance radiotherapy | 1.42 | NA | 1.38 | 1.38 | 2.90% | NA |
| 77280 | | Set radiation therapy field | 4.77 | NA | 4.61 | 4.61 | 3.47% | NA |
| 77280 | 26 | Set radiation therapy field | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 0.96 | 1.04% | 1.04% |
| 77280 | TC | Set radiation therapy field | 3.8 | NA | 3.65 | 3.65 | 4.11% | NA |
| 77290 | | Set radiation therapy field | 10.56 | NA | 9.00 | 9.00 | 17.33% | NA |
| 77290 | 26 | Set radiation therapy field | 2.16 | 2.16 | 2.14 | 2.14 | 0.93% | 0.93% |
| 77290 | TC | Set radiation therapy field | 8.4 | NA | 6.86 | 6.86 | 22.45% | NA |

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|-------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | | |
| 77295 | | Set radiation therapy field | 30.6 | NA | 35.67 | 35.67 | -14.21% | NA |
| 77295 | 26 | Set radiation therapy field | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.26 | 6.26 | 0.64% | 0.64% |
| 77295 | TC | Set radiation therapy field | 24.28 | NA | 29.41 | 29.41 | -17.44% | NA |
| 77300 | | Radiation therapy dose plan | 2.21 | NA | 2.26 | 2.26 | -2.21% | NA |
| 77300 | 26 | Radiation therapy dose plan | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 1.18% | 1.18% |
| 77300 | TC | Radiation therapy dose plan | 1.35 | NA | 1.41 | 1.41 | -4.26% | NA |
| 77301 | | Radiotherapy dose plan, IMRT | 48.51 | NA | 40.36 | 40.36 | 20.19% | NA |
| 77301 | 26 | Radiotherapy dose plan, IMRT | 11.06 | 11.06 | 10.95 | 10.95 | 1.00% | 1.00% |
| 77301 | TC | Radiotherapy dose plan, IMRT | 37.44 | NA | 29.41 | 29.41 | 27.30% | NA |
| 77305 | | Teletx isodose plan simple | 2.68 | NA | 2.94 | 2.94 | -8.84% | NA |
| 77305 | 26 | Teletx isodose plan simple | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.97 | 0.97 | 1.03% | 1.03% |
| 77305 | TC | Teletx isodose plan simple | 1.7 | NA | 1.97 | 1.97 | -13.71% | NA |

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|-------|-----|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | | |
| 77310 | | Teletx isodose plan intermediate | 3.59 | NA | 3.90 | 3.90 | -7.95% | NA |
| 77310 | 26 | Teletx isodose plan intermediate | 1.45 | 1.45 | 1.44 | 1.44 | 0.69% | 0.69% |
| 77310 | TC | Teletx isodose plan intermediate | 2.14 | NA | 2.46 | 2.46 | -13.01% | NA |
| 77315 | | Teletx isodose plan complex | 4.75 | NA | 4.94 | 4.94 | -3.85% | NA |
| 77315 | 26 | Teletx isodose plan complex | 2.16 | 2.16 | 2.14 | 2.14 | 0.93% | 0.93% |
| 77315 | TC | Teletx isodose plan complex | 2.59 | NA | 2.80 | 2.80 | -7.50% | NA |
| 77321 | | Special teletx port plan | 4.89 | NA | 5.55 | 5.55 | -11.89% | NA |
| 77321 | 26 | Special teletx port plan | 1.31 | 1.31 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 0.77% | 0.77% |
| 77321 | TC | Special teletx port plan | 3.58 | NA | 4.25 | 4.25 | -15.76% | NA |
| 77326 | | Brachytx isodose calc simple | 4.01 | NA | 3.77 | 3.77 | 6.37% | NA |
| 77326 | 26 | Brachytx isodose calc simple | 1.29 | 1.29 | 1.28 | 1.28 | 0.78% | 0.78% |
| 77326 | TC | Brachytx isodose calc simple | 2.72 | NA | 2.49 | 2.49 | 9.24% | NA |

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|--------------|-----|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | | |
| 77327 | | Brachytx isodose calc intermediate | 5.83 | NA | 5.55 | 5.55 | 5.05% | NA |
| 77327 | 26 | Brachytx isodose calc intermediate | 1.92 | 1.92 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 1.05% | 1.05% |
| 77327 | TC | Brachytx isodose calc intermediate | 3.91 | NA | 3.65 | 3.65 | 7.12% | NA |
| 77328 | | Brachytx isodose plan complex | 8.27 | NA | 8.08 | 8.08 | 2.35% | NA |
| 77328 | 26 | Brachytx isodose plan complex | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.87 | 2.87 | 1.05% | 1.05% |
| 77328 | TC | Brachytx isodose plan complex | 5.37 | NA | 5.21 | 5.21 | 3.07% | NA |
| 77331 | | Special radiation dosimetry | 1.74 | NA | 1.71 | 1.71 | 1.75% | NA |
| 77331 | 26 | Special radiation dosimetry | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.19 | 1.19 | 0.84% | 0.84% |
| 77331 | TC | Special radiation dosimetry | 0.54 | NA | 0.52 | 0.52 | 3.85% | NA |
| 77332 | | Radiation treatment aid(s) | 2.23 | NA | 2.15 | 2.15 | 3.72% | NA |
| 77332 | 26 | Radiation treatment aid(s) | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 1.35% | 1.35% |
| 77332 | TC | Radiation treatment aid(s) | 1.48 | NA | 1.41 | 1.41 | 4.96% | NA |

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|--------------|-----|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | | |
| 77333 | | Radiation treatment aid(s) | 2.78 | NA | 3.15 | 3.15 | -11.75% | NA |
| 77333 | 26 | Radiation treatment aid(s) | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.15 | 1.15 | 0.87% | 0.87% |
| 77333 | TC | Radiation treatment aid(s) | 1.62 | NA | 2.00 | 2.00 | -19.00% | NA |
| 77334 | | Radiation treatment aid(s) | 5.02 | NA | 5.12 | 5.12 | -1.95% | NA |
| 77334 | 26 | Radiation treatment aid(s) | 1.71 | 1.71 | 1.70 | 1.70 | 0.59% | 0.59% |
| 77334 | TC | Radiation treatment aid(s) | 3.31 | NA | 3.42 | 3.42 | -3.22% | NA |
| 77336 | | Radiation physics consult | 2.73 | NA | 3.14 | 3.14 | -13.06% | NA |
| 77370 | | Radiation physics consult | 3.63 | NA | 3.67 | 3.67 | -1.09% | NA |
| 77399 | | External radiation dosimetry | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0 |
| 77399 | 26 | External radiation dosimetry | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0 |
| 77399 | TC | External radiation dosimetry | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0 |
| 77401 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 1.64 | NA | 1.88 | 1.88 | -12.77% | NA |

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|-------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | | |
| 77402 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 2.37 | NA | 1.88 | 1.88 | 26.06% | NA |
| 77403 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 2.25 | NA | 1.88 | 1.88 | 19.68% | NA |
| 77404 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 2.37 | NA | 1.88 | 1.88 | 26.06% | NA |
| 77406 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 2.35 | NA | 1.88 | 1.88 | 25.00% | NA |
| 77407 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 2.96 | NA | 2.21 | 2.21 | 33.94% | NA |
| 77408 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 2.81 | NA | 2.21 | 2.21 | 27.15% | NA |
| 77409 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 2.93 | NA | 2.21 | 2.21 | 32.58% | NA |
| 77411 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 2.91 | NA | 2.21 | 2.21 | 31.67% | NA |
| 77412 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 3.37 | NA | 2.46 | 2.46 | 36.99% | NA |
| 77413 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 3.35 | NA | 2.46 | 2.46 | 36.18% | NA |
| 77414 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 3.52 | NA | 2.46 | 2.46 | 43.09% | NA |
| 77416 | | Radiation treatment delivery | 3.49 | NA | 2.46 | 2.46 | 41.87% | NA |

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|-------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | | |
| 77417 | | Radiology port film(s) | 0.6 | NA | 0.63 | 0.63 | -4.76% | NA |
| 77418 | | Radiation tx delivery, IMRT | 16.84 | NA | 18.11 | 18.11 | -7.01% | NA |
| 77421 | | IGRT | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? |
| 77427 | | Weekly Management | 4.65 | 4.58 | 4.54 | 4.54 | 2.42% | 0.88% |
| 77431 | | Management 1-2 treatments | 2.7 | 2.58 | 2.58 | 2.58 | 4.65% | 0.00% |
| 77432 | | SRS management brain | 11.27 | 11.27 | 11.23 | 11.23 | 0.36% | 0.36% |
| 77470 | | Special radiation treatment | 12.32 | NA | 14.61 | 14.61 | -15.67% | NA |
| 77470 | 26 | Special radiation treatment | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.87 | 2.87 | 1.05% | 1.05% |
| 77470 | TC | Special radiation treatment | 9.43 | NA | 11.74 | 11.74 | -19.68% | NA |
| 77750 | | Infuse radioactive materials | 8.51 | NA | 8.13 | 8.13 | 4.67% | NA |
| 77750 | 26 | Infuse radioactive materials | 6.79 | 6.79 | 6.73 | 6.73 | 0.89% | 0.89% |
| 77750 | TC | Infuse radioactive materials | 1.72 | NA | 1.40 | 1.40 | 22.86% | NA |

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|-------|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | | |
| 77778 | | Apply interstitial radiation complex | 21.67 | NA | 20.71 | 20.71 | 4.64% | NA |
| 77778 | 26 | Apply interstitial radiation complex | 15.47 | 15.47 | 15.31 | 15.31 | 1.05% | 1.05% |
| 77778 | TC | Apply interstitial radiation complex | 6.19 | NA | 5.40 | 5.40 | 14.63% | NA |
| 77781 | | High intensity brachytherapy | 19.79 | NA | 23.63 | 23.63 | -16.25% | NA |
| 77781 | 26 | High intensity brachytherapy | 2.29 | 2.29 | 2.27 | 2.27 | 0.88% | 0.88% |
| 77781 | TC | High intensity brachytherapy | 17.51 | NA | 21.36 | 21.36 | -18.02% | NA |
| 77784 | | High intensity brachytherapy | 36.71 | NA | 29.04 | 29.04 | 26.41% | NA |
| 77784 | 26 | High intensity brachytherapy | 7.75 | 7.75 | 7.68 | 7.68 | 0.91% | 0.91% |
| 77784 | TC | High intensity brachytherapy | 28.96 | NA | 21.36 | 21.36 | 35.58% | NA |
| 77789 | | Apply surface radiation | 2.38 | NA | 2.01 | 2.01 | 18.41% | NA |
| 77789 | 26 | Apply surface radiation | 1.56 | 1.56 | 1.54 | 0.47 | 1.30% | 231.91% |
| 77789 | TC | Apply surface radiation | 0.82 | NA | 0.47 | 1.54 | 74.47% | NA |

| CPT | Mod | Description | 2006 Proposed RVUs | | 2005 Current RVUs | | % Change Non-Facility | % Change Facility |
|-------|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | Non-Facility Total | Facility Total | | |
| 77790 | | Radiation handling | 2.14 | NA | 1.96 | 1.96 | 9.18% | NA |
| 77790 | 26 | Radiation handling | 1.45 | 1.45 | 1.44 | 1.44 | 0.69% | 0.69% |
| 77790 | TC | Radiation handling | 0.69 | NA | 0.52 | 0.52 | 32.69% | NA |
| 99213 | 26 | Office/outpatient visit, established | 1.40 | 0.94 | 1.39 | 0.94 | 0.72% | 0.00% |
| 99214 | 26 | Office/outpatient visit, established | 2.20 | 1.55 | 2.18 | 1.56 | 0.92% | -0.64% |
| 99215 | 26 | Office/outpatient visit, established | 3.18 | 2.49 | 3.17 | 2.5 | 0.32% | -0.40% |
| 99244 | 26 | Office consultation | 4.60 | NA | 4.56 | 3.66 | 0.88% | NA |
| 99245 | 26 | Office consultation | 5.93 | NA | 5.9 | 4.87 | 0.51% | NA |

This is a comparison of the RVU and GPCI in 2005 comparing to proposed 2006 using the 2005 conversion factor

| | RVU 2005 | | | GPCI 2005 | | | Total | |
|----------------|----------|----------|------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| | work | practice | MP | work | practice | MP | | |
| Atlanta | | | | | | | | |
| 77427 | 3.31 | 1.06 | 0.17 | 1.008 | 1.074 | 0.966 | \$175.81 | |
| 77427 (hosp) | 3.31 | 1.06 | 0.17 | 1.008 | 1.074 | 0.966 | \$175.81 | |
| 77418 | 0 | 17.98 | 0.13 | 1.008 | 1.074 | 0.966 | \$736.58 | |
| 77336 | 0 | 2.98 | 0.16 | 1.008 | 1.074 | 0.966 | \$127.15 | |
| 77413 | 0 | 2.33 | 0.13 | 1.008 | 1.074 | 0.966 | \$99.59 | |
| | RVU 2006 | | | GPCI 2006 | | | Total | Percent |
| | work | practice | MP | work | practice | MP | | Increase |
| Atlanta | | | | | | | | Decrease |
| 77427 | 3.32 | 1.16 | 0.17 | 1.1 | 1.089 | 0.966 | \$192.50 | 9.49% |
| 77427 (hosp) | 3.32 | 1.09 | 0.17 | 1.1 | 1.089 | 0.966 | \$189.61 | 7.85% |
| 77418 | 0 | 16.71 | 0.13 | 1.1 | 1.089 | 0.966 | \$694.39 | -5.73% |
| 77336 | 0 | 2.57 | 0.16 | 1.1 | 1.089 | 0.966 | \$111.92 | -11.98% |
| 77413 | 0 | 3.22 | 0.13 | 1.1 | 1.089 | 0.966 | \$137.65 | 38.21% |

This is a comparison of the RVU and GPCI in 2005 comparing to proposed 2006 using the 2005 conversion factor

| | RVU 2005 | | | GPCI 2005 | | | Total | |
|----------------|----------|----------|------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|---------|
| | work | practice | MP | work | practice | MP | | |
| Florida | | | | | | | | |
| 77427 | 3.31 | 1.06 | 0.17 | 1 | 0.94 | 1.272 | \$171.40 | |
| 77427 (hosp) | 3.31 | 1.06 | 0.17 | 1 | 0.94 | 1.272 | \$171.40 | |
| 77418 | 0 | 17.98 | 0.13 | 1 | 0.94 | 1.272 | \$646.78 | |
| 77336 | 0 | 2.98 | 0.16 | 1 | 0.94 | 1.272 | \$113.87 | |
| 77413 | 0 | 2.33 | 0.13 | 1 | 0.94 | 1.272 | \$89.27 | |
| | RVU 2006 | | | GPCI 2006 | | | Total | |
| | work | practice | MP | work | practice | MP | | |
| Florida | | | | | | | | |
| 77427 | 3.32 | 1.16 | 0.17 | 1 | 0.934 | 1.272 | \$175.07 | 2.15% |
| 77427 (hosp) | 3.32 | 1.09 | 0.17 | 1 | 0.934 | 1.272 | \$172.60 | 0.70% |
| 77418 | 0 | 16.71 | 0.13 | 1 | 0.934 | 1.272 | \$597.74 | -7.58% |
| 77336 | 0 | 2.57 | 0.16 | 1 | 0.934 | 1.272 | \$98.68 | -13.34% |
| 77413 | 0 | 3.22 | 0.13 | 1 | 0.934 | 1.272 | \$120.24 | 34.70% |

This is a comparison of the RVU and GPCI in 2005 comparing to proposed 2006 using the 2005 conversion factor

| | RVU 2005 | | | GPCI 2005 | | | Total | |
|------------------|----------|----------|------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|--------|
| | work | practice | MP | work | practice | MP | | |
| Manhattan | | | | | | | | |
| 77427 | 3.31 | 1.06 | 0.17 | 1.079 | 1.24 | 1.504 | \$194.85 | |
| 77427 (hosp) | 3.31 | 1.06 | 0.17 | 1.079 | 1.24 | 1.504 | \$194.85 | |
| 77418 | 0 | 17.98 | 0.13 | 1.079 | 1.24 | 1.504 | \$852.34 | |
| 77336 | 0 | 2.98 | 0.16 | 1.079 | 1.24 | 1.504 | \$149.16 | |
| 77413 | 0 | 2.33 | 0.13 | 1.079 | 1.24 | 1.504 | \$116.90 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | RVU 2006 | | | GPCI 2006 | | | Total | |
| | work | practice | MP | work | practice | MP | | |
| Manhattan | | | | | | | | |
| 77427 | 3.32 | 1.16 | 0.17 | 1.065 | 1.298 | 1.504 | \$200.75 | 3.03% |
| 77427 (hosp) | 3.32 | 1.09 | 0.17 | 1.065 | 1.298 | 1.504 | \$197.31 | 1.26% |
| 77418 | 0 | 16.71 | 0.13 | 1.065 | 1.298 | 1.504 | \$829.39 | -2.69% |
| 77336 | 0 | 2.57 | 0.16 | 1.065 | 1.298 | 1.504 | \$135.54 | -9.13% |
| 77413 | 0 | 3.22 | 0.13 | 1.065 | 1.298 | 1.504 | \$165.80 | 41.83% |

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| | RVU 2005 | | | GPCI 2005 | | | Total | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|---------|
| | work | practice | MP | work | practice | MP | | |
| California | | | | | | | | |
| 77427 | 3.31 | 1.06 | 0.17 | 1.007 | 1.043 | 0.733 | \$172.94 | |
| 77427 (hosp) | 3.31 | 1.06 | 0.17 | 1.007 | 1.043 | 0.733 | \$172.94 | |
| 77418 | 0 | 17.98 | 0.13 | 1.007 | 1.043 | 0.733 | \$714.31 | |
| 77336 | 0 | 2.98 | 0.16 | 1.007 | 1.043 | 0.733 | \$122.24 | |
| 77413 | 0 | 2.33 | 0.13 | 1.007 | 1.043 | 0.733 | \$95.71 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | RVU 2006 | | | GPCI 2006 | | | Total | |
| | work | practice | MP | work | practice | MP | | |
| California | | | | | | | | |
| 77427 | 3.32 | 1.16 | 0.17 | 1.01 | 1.042 | 1.265 | \$181.04 | 4.68% |
| 77427 (hosp) | 3.32 | 1.09 | 0.17 | 1.01 | 1.042 | 1.265 | \$178.27 | 3.08% |
| 77418 | 0 | 16.71 | 0.13 | 1.01 | 1.042 | 1.265 | \$666.10 | -6.75% |
| 77336 | 0 | 2.57 | 0.16 | 1.01 | 1.042 | 1.265 | \$109.16 | -10.70% |
| 77413 | 0 | 3.22 | 0.13 | 1.01 | 1.042 | 1.265 | \$133.39 | 39.37% |



New Codes 2006



| HCPCS | Long Descriptor |
|-------|---|
| 77421 | Stereoscopic x-ray guidance for localization of target volume for the delivery of radiation therapy (do not report 77421 in conjunction with 77432, 0083T) |
| 77422 | High energy neutron radiation treatment delivery; single treatment area using a single port or parallel-opposed ports with no blocks or simple blocking |
| 77423 | High energy neutron radiation treatment delivery; 1 or more isocenter (s) with coplanar or non-coplanar geometry with blocking and/or wedge, and/or compensator |

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Percent Increase in Volume/Intensity

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Physicians' Services | 6.3% | 4.6% | 6.3% | 5.6% | 6.4% |
| Outpatient Hospital Services | 3.5% | 2.5% | 6.8% | 6.6% | 3.8% |

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National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers who conduct HIPAA standard transactions, such as claims and eligibility inquiries. In addition, organizations or associations that represent providers and plan to obtain NPI's for those providers should take note of this article.

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National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Background

All health care providers are eligible to receive NPI's. All HIPAA-covered healthcare providers, whether they are individuals or organizations must obtain an NPI to identify themselves in HIPAA standard transactions. Once enumerated, a provider's NPI will not change. The NPI remains with the provider regardless of job or location changes.

HIPAA covered entities such as providers completing electronic transactions, health care clearinghouses, and large health plans, must use only the NPI to identify covered health care providers in standard transactions by May 23, 2007. Small health plans must use only the NPI by May 23, 2008.

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National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Obtaining and Sharing Your NPI

Providers and suppliers may now apply for their NPI on the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) web site, <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> on the CMS web site.



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Physicians 2006 Proposed Rule 2006 Payment for Services Furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers

- The current Ambulatory Surgical Centers payment rates and wage index values will remain in effect for 2006.

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Medicare Appeals Claims Decisions

Redeterminations and Reconsiderations Part A and Part B redeterminations issued and mailed by Fiscal Intermediaries on or after May 1, 2005 will have the right to appeal to a Qualified Independent Contractor. Part B redeterminations issued and mailed before January 1, 2006 will have appeal rights to the HO (Hearing Officer).

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Requirements for Voided, Canceled, and Deleted Medicare Claims

Acceptable reasons a Medicare contractor may cancel, delete or void a claim
Current CMS 1450 or 1500 forms not used.

1. The front and back of the CMS 1500 claim form are required on the same sheet and are not submitted that way.
2. A breakdown of changes is not provided.
3. Submission of only six line items on each CMS 1500 claim form .
4. Patient's address is missing.
5. Internal clerical error was made.
6. Claim did not contain the Certificate of Medical Necessity.
7. Incomplete or invalid Certificate of Medical Necessity form.
8. Store name is not on the receipt that includes price of item.

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Requirements for Voided, Canceled, and Deleted Medicare Claims

Unacceptable reasons for Medicare contractors to void, cancel or delete claims:

1. Notification to the Medicare contractor that claim(s) were billed in error and the need of deletion .
2. The provider deletes a claim via any mechanism other than submission. Cancellation may only be allowed for claims not suspended for medical review.
3. Patient's name does not match any HICN.
4. Criteria met that a claim be returned as not processable.

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/104_claims/cm104index.asp on the CMS web site.

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Requirements for Voided, Canceled, and Deleted Medicare Claims

Medicare contractors may return a claim as not processable for the following:

1. Valid procedure codes not used and/or services not described.
2. The patient's HICN is missing, incomplete, or invalid.
3. The provider number is missing or incomplete.
4. No services identified on the claim.
5. Block 11 of the CMS 1500 is not completed indicating insured primary to Medicare exists.
6. The beneficiary's signature information is missing.

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Requirements for Voided, Canceled, and Deleted Medicare Claims

Medicare contractors may return a claim as not processable for the following: (cont.)

7. Ordering physician's name and/or UPIN missing/invalid.
8. The place of service code is missing or invalid.
9. A charge for each listed service is missing.
10. The days or units are missing.
11. The signature is missing from block 31 of the CMS 1500.
12. Dates of service are missing or incomplete.
13. Patient's name does not match HICN on claim.

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Requirements for Voided, Canceled, and Deleted Medicare Claims

Summary

CMS believes:

- The problems listed under the “Acceptable Claims Deletions” are valid reasons to void/delete/cancel a claim if the Medicare contractor maintains an audit trail; and
- Claims with problems listed under the “Unacceptable Claims Deletions” heading should be denied or rejected by Medicare and the decision should be recorded in the Medicare contractor’s claims processing system history file.

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Requirements for Voided, Canceled, and Deleted Medicare Claims

Summary

CMS believes:

If a Medicare contractor determines that a claim is not processable before the claim enters that contractor’s claims processing system:

- The claim may be denied; and
- The contractor does not have to keep a record of the claim or the deletion.

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Requirements for Voided, Canceled, and Deleted Medicare Claims

Summary

CMS believes:

If a Medicare contractor determines that a claim is not processable after the claim enters the system:

- The denied or rejected claim will not be totally deleted from the claims processing system.
- The Medicare contractor must maintain an audit trail for all deleted claims that have entered the claims processing system.

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Requirements for Voided, Canceled, and Deleted Medicare Claims

Implementation

October 3, 2005 is the implementation date.

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Medicare Claims Redeterminations & Reconsiderations

- Instructions in Change Request, published March 8, 2005.
- Until the issuance of the new Change Request Fiscal Intermediaries are to follow the current manual sections or Change Request 3530.
- Implementation date of New/Revised Material is January 9, 2006.

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Billing for Devices Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

Requirements that Hospitals Report Device Codes on Claims

- Effective January 1, 2005 hospitals that report procedure codes requiring the use of devices must also report the applicable HCPCS codes and charges for all devices used to perform the procedures where codes exist.
- OPPS payment for these procedures will be correct in future in which the claims are used to create the APC payment amounts.
- Current HCPCS codes for devices can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicare/HCPCS> on the CMS web site.

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Medicare Outpatient Code Editor Update

- The Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 21.0 was updated October, 2005 for hospital bills that are not paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).
- Affected now are outpatient services billed to Medicare intermediaries that are not paid under the OPPS.
- Refer to the actual CR4009 for a list of all codes affected.
- Many changes are effective October 1, 2005. Other effective dates are shown in CR4009.
- Implementation date was October 3, 2005.

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New Rules 2006

New rules promote e-prescribing,
electronic record keeping



Hospitals and other health care organizations would be exempted from physician self-referral laws and regulations in the interest of increasing the use of electronic-prescribing and electronic health records, under proposed rules issued by CMA and the HHS Office of Inspector General. E-prescribing: enables a physician to transmit a prescription electronically to a particular pharmacy for a patient. According to HHS, "it decreases prescription errors caused by hard-to-read handwriting and automates the process of checking for drug interactions and allergies."

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New Rules 2006

New rules promote e-prescribing, electronic record keeping (cont.)

The proposed rules from CMS and the OIG “would allow hospitals and certain health care organizations to furnish hardware, software, and related training services to physicians for e-prescribing and electronic health records, particularly when the support involves systems that are ‘interoperable’ and thus can exchange information effectively and securely among health care providers,” according to an HHS release. In addition, the OIG rule would establish the conditions under which such entities may donate to physicians electronic health records software and related training services.

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New Rules 2006

New rules promote e-prescribing, electronic record keeping (cont.)

The proposal would be relatively narrow until nationwide product certification criteria are established and approved by the HHS Secretary. *HHS release, October 5, 2005.*

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New Hospital Codes 2006



| HCPCS | Effective Date | SI | APC | Short Descriptor | Long Descriptor | Payment | Minimum Adjusted Co-payment |
|-------|----------------|----|------|------------------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------|
| C9725 | 10/01/05 | S | 1507 | Place endo-rectal applicator | Placement of endorectal intracavity applicator for high intensity brachytherapy | \$550.00 | \$110.00 |

New Hospital Codes 2006

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|-------|----------------|----|------|-------------------------|---|
| C2637 | 10/01/05 | H | 2637 | Brachytx, Ytterbium-169 | Brachytherapy source, Ytterbium-169, per source |

| CPT | Description | Current 2005 Payment Rate | Proposed for 2006 | RED IS LOWER BLACK HIGHER | PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE |
|-------|--|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| C9722 | Stereoscopic kV x-ray imaging with infrared tracking for localization of target volume | \$75.00 | \$75.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| 31505 | Diagnostic laryngoscopy | \$42.14 | \$46.97 | \$4.83 | 11.46% |
| 31575 | Diagnostic laryngoscopy | \$79.22 | \$85.22 | \$6.00 | 7.57% |
| 55859 | Percut/needle insert, pros | \$2,055.63 | \$2,001.96 | \$53.67 | -2.61% |
| 57155 | Insert uteri tandems/ovoids | \$758.17 | \$255.66 | \$502.51 | -66.28% |
| 61795 | Brain surgery using computer | \$309.50 | \$273.84 | \$35.66 | -11.52% |
| 76000 | Fluoroscope examination | \$79.09 | \$81.90 | \$2.81 | 3.55% |
| 76001 | Fluoroscope exam, extensive | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| 76355 | CAT scan for localization | \$270.58 | \$262.61 | \$7.97 | -2.95% |
| 76360 | CAT scan for needle biopsy | \$270.58 | \$262.61 | \$7.97 | -2.95% |
| 76370 | CAT scan for therapy guide | \$98.17 | \$98.17 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| 76380 | CAT scan follow-up study | \$98.17 | \$98.17 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| 76942 | Echo guide for biopsy | \$67.44 | \$62.96 | \$4.48 | -6.64% |
| 76950 | Echo guidance radiotherapy | \$67.44 | \$62.96 | \$4.48 | -6.64% |

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| 76360 | CAT scan for needle biopsy | \$270.58 | \$262.61 | \$7.97 | -2.95% |
| 76370 | CAT scan for therapy guide | \$98.17 | \$98.17 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| 76380 | CAT scan follow-up study | \$98.17 | \$98.17 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| 76942 | Echo guide for biopsy | \$67.44 | \$62.96 | \$4.48 | -6.64% |
| 76950 | Echo guidance radiotherapy | \$67.44 | \$62.96 | \$4.48 | -6.64% |
| 76872 | Echo exam, transrectal | \$92.74 | \$97.28 | \$4.54 | 4.90% |

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|-------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 76873 | Echograp trans r, pros study | \$92.74 | \$97.28 | \$4.54 | 4.90% |
| 76965 | Echo guidance radiotherapy | \$67.44 | \$62.96 | \$4.48 | -6.64% |
| 77280 | Set radiation therapy field | \$97.48 | \$105.26 | \$7.78 | 7.98% |
| 77285 | Set radiation therapy field | \$224.07 | \$237.59 | \$13.52 | 6.03% |
| 77290 | Set radiation therapy field | \$224.07 | \$237.59 | \$13.52 | 6.03% |
| 77295 | Set radiation therapy field | \$813.57 | \$827.78 | \$14.21 | 1.75% |
| 77300 | Radiation therapy dose plan | \$97.48 | \$105.26 | \$7.78 | 7.98% |
| 77301 | Radiotherapy dos plan, IMRT | \$813.57 | \$827.78 | \$14.21 | 1.75% |
| 77305 | Radiation therapy dose plan | \$97.48 | \$105.26 | \$7.78 | 7.98% |
| 77310 | Radiation therapy dose plan | \$97.48 | \$237.59 | \$140.11 | 143.73% |
| 77315 | Radiation therapy dose plan | \$224.07 | \$237.59 | \$13.52 | 6.03% |
| 77321 | Radiation therapy port plan | \$224.07 | \$237.59 | \$13.52 | 6.03% |
| 77326 | Radiation therapy dose plan | \$97.48 | \$105.26 | \$7.78 | 7.98% |
| 77327 | Radiation therapy dose plan | \$224.07 | \$237.59 | \$13.52 | 6.03% |

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|-------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 77328 | Radiation therapy dose plan | \$224.07 | \$237.59 | \$13.52 | 6.03% |
| 77331 | Special radiation dosimetry | \$97.48 | \$105.26 | \$7.78 | 7.98% |
| 77332 | Radiation treatment aid(s) | \$163.67 | \$168.27 | \$4.60 | 2.81% |
| 77333 | Radiation treatment aid(s) | \$167.67 | \$168.27 | \$0.60 | 0.36% |
| 77334 | Radiation treatment aid(s) | \$163.67 | \$168.27 | \$4.60 | 2.81% |
| 77336 | Radiation physics consult | \$97.48 | \$105.26 | \$7.78 | 7.98% |
| 77370 | Radiation physics consult | \$97.48 | \$105.26 | \$7.78 | 7.98% |
| 77399 | External radiation dosimetry | \$97.48 | \$105.26 | \$7.78 | 7.98% |
| 77401 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$87.06 | \$90.19 | \$3.13 | 3.60% |
| 77402 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$87.06 | \$90.19 | \$3.13 | 3.60% |
| 77403 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$87.06 | \$90.19 | \$3.13 | 3.60% |
| 77404 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$87.06 | \$90.19 | \$3.13 | 3.60% |
| 77406 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$87.06 | \$90.19 | \$3.13 | 3.60% |
| 77407 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$87.06 | \$90.19 | \$3.13 | 3.60% |

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|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 77408 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$87.06 | \$90.19 | \$3.13 | 3.60% |
| 77409 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$87.06 | \$90.19 | \$3.13 | 3.60% |
| 77411 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$87.06 | \$131.71 | \$44.65 | 51.29% |
| 77412 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$124.12 | \$131.71 | \$7.59 | 6.12% |
| 77413 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$124.12 | \$131.71 | \$7.59 | 6.12% |
| 77414 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$124.12 | \$131.71 | \$7.59 | 6.12% |
| 77416 | Radiation treatment delivery | \$124.12 | \$131.71 | \$7.59 | 6.12% |
| 77417 | Radiology port film(s) | \$43.87 | \$44.83 | \$0.96 | 2.19% |
| 77418 | Radiation tx delivery, IMRT | \$309.20 | \$318.33 | \$9.13 | 2.95% |
| 77470 | Special radiation treatment | \$332.60 | \$347.05 | \$14.45 | 4.34% |
| 77520 | Proton treatment, simple w/o comp | \$561.62 | \$768.13 | \$206.51 | 36.77% |
| 77522 | Proton treatment, simple w/comp | \$561.62 | \$768.13 | \$206.51 | 36.77% |
| 77523 | Proton treatment, intermediate | \$850.00 | \$918.97 | \$68.97 | 8.11% |
| 77525 | Proton treatment, complex | \$850.00 | \$918.97 | \$68.97 | 8.11% |

| CPT | Description | Current 2005 Payment Rate | Proposed for 2006 | RED IS LOWER BLACK HIGHER | PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE |
|-------|---|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 77600 | Hyperthermia treatment | \$242.79 | \$355.73 | \$112.94 | 46.52% |
| 77605 | Hyperthermia treatment | \$242.79 | \$355.73 | \$112.94 | 46.52% |
| 77610 | Hyperthermia treatment | \$242.79 | \$355.73 | \$112.94 | 46.52% |
| 77615 | Hyperthermia treatment | \$242.79 | \$355.73 | \$112.94 | 46.52% |
| 77620 | Hyperthermia treatment | \$242.79 | \$355.73 | \$112.94 | 46.52% |
| 77750 | Infuse radioactive materials | \$87.06 | \$131.71 | \$44.65 | 51.29% |
| 77761 | Apply intrcav radiation simple | \$317.87 | \$296.90 | \$20.97 | -6.60% |
| 77762 | Apply intrcav radiation intermediate | \$317.87 | \$296.90 | \$20.97 | -6.60% |
| 77763 | Apply intrcav radiation complex | \$317.87 | \$296.90 | \$20.97 | -6.60% |
| 77776 | Apply interstitial radiation simple | \$317.87 | \$296.90 | \$20.97 | -6.60% |
| 77777 | Apply interstitial radiation intermediate | \$317.87 | \$296.90 | \$20.97 | -6.60% |
| 77778 | Apply interstitial radiation complex | \$1,248.93 | \$720.71 | \$528.22 | -42.29% |
| 77781 | High intensity brachytherapy | \$790.75 | \$763.48 | \$27.27 | -3.45% |
| 77782 | High intensity brachytherapy | \$790.75 | \$763.48 | \$27.27 | -3.45% |

| CPT | Description | Current 2005 Payment Rate | Proposed for 2006 | RED IS LOWER BLACK HIGHER | PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE |
|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 77783 | High intensity brachytherapy | \$790.75 | \$763.48 | \$27.27 | -3.45% |
| 77784 | High intensity brachytherapy | \$790.75 | \$763.48 | \$27.27 | -3.45% |
| 77789 | Apply surface radiation | \$87.06 | \$90.19 | \$3.13 | 3.60% |
| 77790 | Radiation handling | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0% |
| 77799 | Radium/radioisotope therapy | \$790.75 | \$763.48 | \$27.27 | -3.45% |
| 79200 | Intracavitary nuclear treatment | \$232.70 | \$236.42 | \$3.72 | 1.60% |
| 79300 | Interstitial nuclear therapy | \$232.70 | \$236.42 | \$3.72 | 1.60% |
| 79440 | Nuclear joint therapy | \$232.70 | \$236.42 | \$3.72 | 1.60% |
| 79900 | Provide ther radiopharm(s) | non federal | non federal | | |
| 90780 | IV infusion therapy, 1 hour | \$111.80 | \$119.83 | \$8.03 | 7.18% |
| 90781 | IV infusion, additional hour | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0% |
| 90782 | Injection, sc/im | \$22.68 | \$23.46 | \$0.78 | 3.44% |
| 90783 | Injection, ia | \$49.54 | \$49.33 | \$0.21 | -0.42% |
| 90784 | Injection, iv | \$49.54 | \$49.33 | \$0.21 | -0.42% |

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|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 99201 | Office/outpatient visit, new | \$51.47 | \$51.56 | \$0.09 | 0.17% |
| 99202 | Office/outpatient visit, new | \$51.47 | \$51.56 | \$0.09 | 0.17% |
| 99203 | Office/outpatient visit, new | \$56.11 | \$59.57 | \$3.46 | 6.17% |
| 99204 | Office/outpatient visit, new | \$79.65 | \$84.77 | \$5.12 | 6.43% |
| 99205 | Office/outpatient visit, new | \$79.65 | \$84.77 | \$5.12 | 6.43% |
| 99211 | Office/outpatient visit, established | \$51.47 | \$51.56 | \$0.09 | 0.17% |
| 99212 | Office/outpatient visit, established | \$51.47 | \$51.56 | \$0.09 | 0.17% |
| 99213 | Office/outpatient visit, established | \$56.11 | \$59.57 | \$3.46 | 6.17% |
| 99214 | Office/outpatient visit, established | \$79.65 | \$84.77 | \$5.12 | 6.43% |
| 99215 | Office/outpatient visit, established | \$79.65 | \$84.77 | \$5.12 | 6.43% |
| 99241 | Office consultation | \$51.47 | \$51.56 | \$0.09 | 0.17% |
| 99242 | Office consultation | \$51.47 | \$51.56 | \$0.09 | 0.17% |
| 99243 | Office consultation | \$56.11 | \$59.57 | \$3.46 | 6.17% |
| 99244 | Office consultation | \$79.65 | \$84.77 | \$5.12 | 6.43% |

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|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 99245 | Office consultation | \$79.65 | \$84.77 | \$5.12 | 6.43% |
| 99271 | Confirmatory consultation | \$51.47 | \$51.56 | \$0.09 | 0.17% |
| 99272 | Confirmatory consultation | \$51.47 | \$51.56 | \$0.09 | 0.17% |
| 99273 | Confirmatory consultation | \$56.11 | \$59.57 | \$3.46 | 6.17% |
| 99274 | Confirmatory consultation | \$79.65 | \$84.77 | \$5.12 | 6.43% |
| 99275 | Confirmatory consultation | \$79.65 | \$84.77 | \$5.12 | 6.43% |
| C1715 | Brachytherapy needle (NF) | Used for reporting costs | Used for reporting costs | N/A | N/A |
| C1728 | Cath, brachytx seed adm | Used for reporting costs | Used for reporting costs | N/A | N/A |
| CXXXX | All Radioactive sources | Passthrough | Passthrough | N/A | N/A |
| G0173 | Stereo radioisurgery, complete | \$5,250.00 | \$5,250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| G0338 | Linear accelerator stereo plan | \$1,150.00 | DELETED * | N/A | N/A |
| G0339 | Robot lin-radsurg com, first | \$5,250.00 | \$5,250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| G0340 | Robt lin-radsurg fractx 2-5 | \$3,750.00 | \$3,750.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| G0242 | Multisource photon stereo plan | \$1,450.00 | DELETED * | N/A | N/A |

| CPT | Description | Current 2005 Payment Rate | Proposed for 2006 | RED IS LOWER BLACK HIGHER | PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| G0251 | Linear acc based stereo radio | \$1,150.00 | \$1,150.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| G0243 | Multisour photon stereo treat | \$5,250.00 | \$5,250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| <p>DELETED G0338 and G0242 Use the normal codes we used since 1992, 77321, 77300, 77336, 77370, 77290, 77295</p> | | | | | |



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COMMON CODING ISSUES

- Modifiers
 - 77300, 77334 & 77331
 - Daily treatment codes BID
 - HDR Brachytherapy
- 58, 59, 76, TC, 26, 25, 27



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COMMON CODING ISSUES

- **Fee Schedules**
 - Missing codes
 - low prices
- **Charge Masters**
 - Missing codes
 - Codes with Modifiers
 - Incorrect Pricing



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COMMON CODING ISSUES

- **Incorrect Units Billed**
 - 77300, 77334 & 77331
- **Billing Department**
 - Deleting Codes Charged
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