

Cardiology Coding Alert

Reader Question: Make Way for New AAA Screening Code 76706

Question: A previous issue said there would be a new CPT® code for AAA ultrasound screening in 2017. Will the HCPCS code be deleted?

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Answer: Yes, HCPCS 2017 deletes G0389 (Ultrasound B-scan and/or real time with image documentation; for abdominal aortic aneurysm [AAA] screening).

CPT® 2017 adds 76706 (Ultrasound, abdominal aorta, real time with image documentation, screening study for abdominal aortic aneurysm [AAA]).

Tip: You can view HCPCS changes and current-year codes online at www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/hcpcsreleasecodesets/alpha-numeric-hcpcs.html.