

# Invasive Intracranial Pressure Monitoring (NCD 160.14)

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## Application

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the Health Insurance Claim Form CMS-1500 or its electronic equivalent or its successor form, and services reported using facility claim form CMS-1450 or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all products, all network and non-network physicians, and other health care professionals.

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### Summary

#### Overview

Invasive intracranial pressure monitoring is a safe and effective therapeutic tool used to monitor intracranial pressure. It is usually used for patients suffering from head injuries, subarachnoid hemorrhage, intracerebral hemorrhage, Reye's syndrome, or posthypoxic, metabolic, and viral encephalopathies. It is usually performed in specialized intensive care units for neurosurgical and neurologic patients.

#### Reimbursement Guidelines

It is a covered procedure when reasonable and necessary for the individual patient.

### CPT/HCPSC Codes

Code	Description
61107	Twist drill hole(s) for subdural, intracerebral, or ventricular puncture; for implanting ventricular catheter, pressure recording device, or other intracerebral monitoring device
61210	Burr hole(s); for implanting ventricular catheter, reservoir, EEG electrode(s), pressure recording device, or other cerebral monitoring device (separate procedure)

### ICP/PCS Codes

ICP Code	Description	PCS Code	Description
01.10	Intracranial pressure monitoring	4A103BD	Monitoring of Intracranial Pressure, Percutaneous Approach
01.10	Intracranial pressure monitoring	4A107BD	Monitoring of Intracranial Pressure, Via Natural or Artificial Opening

### References Included (but not limited to):

#### CMS NCD

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#### UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Coverage Summaries

Neurologic Services and Procedures

### History

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10/23/2013	Annual Review
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