

Mammograms (NCD 220.4)

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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

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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

A diagnostic mammography is a radiologic procedure furnished to a man or woman with signs and symptoms of breast disease, or a personal history of breast cancer, or a personal history of biopsy - proven benign breast disease, and includes a physician's interpretation of the results of the procedure.

A screening mammography is a radiologic procedure furnished to a woman without signs or symptoms of breast disease, for the purpose of early detection of breast cancer, and includes a physician's interpretation of the results of the procedure. A screening mammography has limitations as it must be, at a minimum a two-view exposure (cranio-caudal and a medial lateral oblique view) of each breast.

Reimbursement Guidelines

A diagnostic mammography is a covered service if it is ordered by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy as defined in §1861(r) (1) of the Act.

Payment may not be made for a screening mammography performed on a woman under age 35. Payment may be made for only one screening mammography performed on a woman over age 34, but under age 40. For an asymptomatic woman over age 39, payment may be made for a screening mammography performed after at least 11 months have passed following the month in which the last screening mammography was performed.

A radiological mammogram is a covered diagnostic test under the following conditions:

- A patient has distinct signs and symptoms for which a mammogram is indicated;
- A patient has a history of breast cancer; or
- A patient is asymptomatic but, on the basis of the patient's history and other factors the physician considers significant, the physician's judgment is that a mammogram is appropriate.

Use of mammograms in routine screening of: (1) asymptomatic women aged 50 and over, and (2) asymptomatic women aged 40 or over whose mothers or sisters have had the disease, is considered medically appropriate, but would not be covered for Medicare purposes.

CPT/HCPCS Codes (Screening CPT/HCPCS Codes)

Code	Description
77052	Computer-aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; screening mammography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
77057	Screening mammography, bilateral (2-view film study of each breast)
G0202	Screening Mammography producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views

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77051	Computer-aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; diagnostic mammography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
77055	Mammography; unilateral
77056	Mammography; bilateral
G0204	Diagnostic Mammography, direct digital image, bilateral, all views
G0206	Diagnostic mammography, direct digital image, unilateral, all views

Modifiers

Code	Description
GH	1) Diagnostic mammogram converted from screening mammogram on same day. 2) Hsp dialysis fac/hospital.
GG	1) Performance and payment of a screening mammogram and diagnostic mammogram on the same patient, same day. 2) Hsp dialysis fac/hsp dialysis facility.
RT	Right side (used to identify procedures perform on the right side of the body)
LT	Left side (used to identify procedures performed on the left side of the body)
TC	Technical Component
26	Professional Component

References Included (but not limited to):

CMS NCD

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CMS LCD(s)

Numerous LCDs

CMS Article

One Article

CMS Benefit Policy Manual

Chapter 1; § 50 Other Diagnostic or Therapeutic Items or Services

Chapter 15; § 80 Requirements for Diagnostic X-Ray, Diagnostic Laboratory, and Other Diagnostic Tests

CMS Claims Processing Manual

Chapter 18; § 20 Mammography Services (Screening and Diagnostic)

CMS Transmittals

Transmittal 705, Change Request 3562, Dated 10/07/2005 (Modification to Reporting of Diagnosis Codes for Screening Mammography Claims)

UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Coverage Summaries

Radiologic Diagnostic Procedures

Preventive Health Services and Procedures

MLN Matters

Screening and Diagnostic Mammography

History

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