

Sterilization (NCD 230.3)

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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

Covered Conditions

- Payment may be made only where sterilization is a necessary part of the treatment of an illness or injury, e.g., removal of a uterus because of a tumor, removal of diseased ovaries (bilateral oophorectomy), or bilateral orchidectomy in a case of cancer of the prostate. Deny claims when the pathological evidence of the necessity to perform any such procedures to treat an illness or injury is absent; and
- Sterilization of a mentally retarded beneficiary is covered if it is a necessary part of the treatment of an illness or injury.
- Monitor such surgeries closely and obtain the information needed to determine whether in fact the surgery was performed as a means of treating an illness or injury or only to achieve sterilization.

Noncovered Conditions

- Elective hysterectomy, tubal ligation, and vasectomy, if the stated reason for these procedures is sterilization;
- A sterilization that is performed because a physician believes another pregnancy would endanger the overall general health of the woman is not considered to be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury within the meaning of §1862(a) (1) of the Act. The same conclusion would apply where the sterilization is performed only as a measure to prevent the possible development of, or effect on, a mental condition should the individual become pregnant; and
- Sterilization of a mentally retarded person where the purpose is to prevent conception, rather than the treatment of an illness or injury.

The Evidence of Coverage (EOC) contains specific language excluding sterilization procedures from coverage.

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Code	Description
55250	Vasectomy, unilateral or bilateral (separate procedure), including postoperative semen examination(s)
55450	Ligation (percutaneous) of vas deferens, unilateral or bilateral (separate procedure)
58565	Hysteroscopy, surgical; with bilateral fallopian tube cannulation to induce occlusion by placement of permanent implants
58600	Ligation or transection of fallopian tube(s), abdominal or vaginal approach, unilateral or bilateral
58605	Ligation or transection of fallopian tube(s), abdominal or vaginal approach, postpartum, unilateral or bilateral, during same hospitalization (separate procedure)
58611	Ligation or transection of fallopian tube(s) when done at the time of cesarean delivery or intra-abdominal surgery (not a separate procedure) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

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58615	Occlusion of fallopian tube(s) by device (eg, band, clip, Falope ring) vaginal or suprapubic approach
58670	Laparoscopy, surgical; with fulguration of oviducts (with or without transection)
58671	Laparoscopy, surgical; with occlusion of oviducts by device (eg, band, clip, or Falope ring)

ICP/PCS Codes

ICP Code	Description	PCS Code	Description
63.70 (CPT 55899 Unlisted procedure, male genital system)	Male sterilization procedure, not otherwise specified (Noncovered Procedure)	0V5N0ZZ	Destruction of Right Vas Deferens, Open Approach
		0V5N3ZZ	Destruction of Right Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Approach
		0V5N4ZZ	Destruction of Right Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		0V5P0ZZ	Destruction of Left Vas Deferens, Open Approach
		0V5P3ZZ	Destruction of Left Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Approach
		0V5P4ZZ	Destruction of Left Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		0V5Q0ZZ	Destruction of Bilateral Vas Deferens, Open Approach
		0V5Q3ZZ	Destruction of Bilateral Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Approach
		0V5Q4ZZ	Destruction of Bilateral Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		0VBN0ZZ	Excision of Right Vas Deferens, Open Approach
		0VBN3ZZ	Excision of Right Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Approach
		0VBN4ZZ	Excision of Right Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		0VBP0ZZ	Excision of Left Vas Deferens, Open Approach
		0VBP3ZZ	Excision of Left Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Approach
		0VBP4ZZ	Excision of Left Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		0VBQ0ZZ	Excision of Bilateral Vas Deferens, Open Approach
		0VBQ3ZZ	Excision of Bilateral Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Approach
		0VBQ4ZZ	Excision of Bilateral Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach

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		OVTN0ZZ	Resection of Right Vas Deferens, Open Approach
		OVTN4ZZ	Resection of Right Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		OVTP0ZZ	Resection of Left Vas Deferens, Open Approach
		OVTP4ZZ	Resection of Left Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		OVTQ0ZZ	Resection of Bilateral Vas Deferens, Open Approach
		OVTQ4ZZ	Resection of Bilateral Vas Deferens, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
66.29 (CPT 58565, 58670, 58671)	Other bilateral endoscopic destruction or occlusion of fallopian tubes (Noncovered Procedure)	OU574ZZ	Destruction of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		OU578ZZ	Destruction of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic
		OUL74CZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Extraluminal Device, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		OUL74DZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Intraluminal Device, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		OUL74ZZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach
		OUL78DZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Intraluminal Device, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic
		OUL78ZZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic
66.39 (CPT 58615)	Other bilateral destruction or occlusion of fallopian tubes (Noncovered Procedure)	OU570ZZ	Destruction of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Open Approach
		OU573ZZ	Destruction of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Percutaneous Approach
		OU577ZZ	Destruction of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Via Natural or Artificial Opening
		OUL70CZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Extraluminal Device, Open Approach
		OUL70DZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Intraluminal Device, Open Approach

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		OUL70ZZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Open Approach
		OUL73CZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Extraluminal Device, Percutaneous Approach
		OUL73DZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Intraluminal Device, Percutaneous Approach
		OUL73ZZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Percutaneous Approach
		OUL77DZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes with Intraluminal Device, Via Natural or Artificial Opening
		OUL77ZZ	Occlusion of Bilateral Fallopian Tubes, Via Natural or Artificial Opening

References Included (but not limited to):

CMS NCD

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CMS LCD(s)

Numerous LCDs

CMS Article(s)

Numerous Articles

CMS Benefit Policy Manual

Chapter 15; § 260.2 Ambulatory Surgical Center Services

CMS Claims Processing Manual

Chapter 14; § 10 General

UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Coverage Summaries

Family Planning (Birth Control)

Maternity and Newborn Care

History

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