



2021 Utilization Management Rationale for Addition of New Codes

Radiology Updates:

eviCore Solution	CPT/HCPCS	Rationale for Addition to UM Program
Radiology	0609T 0610T 0611T 0612T	These new T codes represent new technology promoted as a clinical alternative to provocative discography. The eviCore UM Imaging guidelines currently address provocative discography as well as the existing standard MR Spectroscopy CPT® code 76390. As a result, eviCore chose to include these T codes in the Imaging guidelines for continuity.
Radiology	71271	As eviCore guidelines currently address the use of low dose CT scan for lung cancer screening and the associated CPT® code G0297, it was appropriate to add this new CPT® code 71271 representing the same procedure. Providers will be able to use either CPT® 71271 or CPT® G0297 to request a low dose CT scan (LDCT) for lung cancer screening. Requests for both CPT® 71271 and CPT® G0297 will be handled as the same imaging procedure.
Radiology	0633T 0634T 0635T 0636T 0637T 0638T	These new “T” codes are used to report CT breast including 3D imaging. CT Breast is evolving and currently being studied as an additional modality for breast cancer detection. However, it remains under investigation and should not be used in lieu of the conventional breast imaging modalities. CT Breast is currently addressed in the eviCore Breast Imaging Guidelines as an alternative breast imaging technique which is considered to be investigational with respect to both screening and diagnosis of breast cancer. As a result, eviCore chose to include these new “T” codes in the UM Program.

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