

Multiple Procedure Reduction of Certain Diagnostic Imaging Procedures Effective 10/1/17

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and suppliers billing for diagnostic imaging supplies and services

Background

- The Multiple Procedure Reduction on diagnostic imaging applies when multiple services are furnished by the same provider to the same patient in the same session on the same day.
- Technical Component (TC) Services (Modifier TC) - Applies to both technical component (TC) only services and to the TC portion of global services on certain diagnostic imaging services. Full payment is made for the service with the highest TC allowable. Payment is made at 50 percent for the TC of subsequent services furnished by the same provider to the same patient in the same session on the same day.
- Professional Component (PC) Services (Modifier 26) – Applies to both professional component (PC) only services and to the PC portion of global services. Full payment is made for each PC and TC service with the highest allowable. Payment is made at 95 percent for subsequent PC services furnished by the same provider to the same patient in the same session on the same day.
- BCBSTX considers a single session to be one encounter where a patient could receive one or more radiological studies. If more than one of the imaging services listed below is provided to the patient during one encounter, then this would constitute a single session and the lower-priced procedure(s) would be reduced. If a patient has a separate encounter on the same day for a medically necessary reason and receives a second imaging service from the list below, then BCBSTX considers these multiple studies on the same day to be provided in separate sessions. In the latter case, BCBSTX has established that the physician should use **modifier - 59** to indicate multiple sessions, and that the Multiple Procedure Reduction does not apply.

The imaging procedures covered by this change are listed below:

MULTIPLE PROCEDURE PAYMENT REDUCTION CODE LIST (Effective October 1, 2017)

70336	MRI temporomandibular joint(s)
70450	CT head/brain w/o dye
70460	CT head/brain w/ dye
70470	CT head/brain w/o & w/ dye
70480	CT orbit/ear/fossa w/o dye
70481	CT orbit/ear/fossa w/ dye
70482	CT orbit/ear/fossa w/o & w/ dye
70486	CT maxillofacial w/o dye
70487	CT maxillofacial w/ dye
70488	CT maxillofacial w/o & w/ dye
70490	CT soft tissue neck w/o dye
70491	CT soft tissue neck w/ dye
70492	CT soft tissue neck w/o & w/ dye

MULTIPLE PROCEDURE PAYMENT REDUCTION CODE LIST (CONTINUED)

70496	CT angiography, head
70498	CT angiography, neck
70540	MRI orbit/face/neck w/o dye
70542	MRI orbit/face/neck w/ dye
70543	MRI orbit/face/neck w/o & w/dye
70544	MRI angiography head w/o dye
70545	MRI angiography head w/dye
70546	MRI angiography head w/o & w/dye
70547	MRI angiography neck w/o dye
70548	MRI angiography neck w/dye
70549	MRI angiography neck w/o & w/dye
70551	MRI brain w/o dye
70552	MRI brain w/dye
70553	MRI brain w/o & w/dye
70554	MRI brain by tech
71250	CT thorax w/o dye
71260	CT thorax w/ dye
71270	CT thorax w/o & w/ dye
71275	CT angiography, chest
71550	MRI chest w/o dye
71551	MRI chest w/ dye
71552	MRI chest w/o & w/ dye
71555	MRI angio chest w/ or w/o dye
72125	CT neck spine w/o dye
72126	CT neck spine w/dye
72127	CT neck spine w/o & w/dye
72128	CT chest spine w/o dye
72129	CT chest spine w/dye
72130	CT chest spine w/o & w/dye
72131	CT lumbar spine w/o dye
72132	CT lumbar spine w/dye
72133	CT lumbar spine w/o & w/dye
72141	MRI neck spine w/o dye
72142	MRI neck spine w/dye
72146	MRI chest spine w/o dye
72147	MRI chest spine w/dye
72148	MRI lumbar spine w/o dye
72149	MRI lumbar spine w/dye
72156	MRI neck spine w/o & w/dye
72157	MRI chest spine w/o & w/dye
72158	MRI lumbar spine w/o & w/dye
72159	MRA spinal canal & contents w/ & w/o dye
72191	CT angiography, pelv w/o & w/ dye
72192	CT pelvis w/o dye
72193	CT pelvis w/ dye
72194	CT pelvis w/o & w/ dye

MULTIPLE PROCEDURE PAYMENT REDUCTION CODE LIST (CONTINUED)

72195	MRI pelvis w/o dye
72196	MRI pelvis w/ dye
72197	MRI pelvis w/o &w/ dye
72198	MRI angio pelvis w/ or w/o dye
73200	CT upper extremity w/o dye
73201	CT upper extremity w/dye
73202	CT upper extremity w/o & w/dye
73206	CT angio upper extr w/o & w/dye
73218	MRI upper extr w/o dye
73219	MRI upper extr w/dye
73220	MRI upper extremity w/o & w/dye
73221	MRI joint upper extr w/o dye
73222	MRI joint upper extr w/dye
73223	MRI joint upper extr w/o & w/dye
73225	MRA upper extremity w/ or w/o dye
73700	CT lower extremity w/o dye
73701	CT lower extremity w/dye
73702	CT lower extremity w/o & w/dye
73706	CT angio lower ext w/o & w/dye
73718	MRI lower extremity w/o dye
73719	MRI lower extremity w/dye
73720	MRI lower ext w/ & w/o dye
73721	MRI joint of lwr extre w/o dye
73722	MRI joint of lwr extr w/dye
73723	MRI joint of lwr extr w/o & w/dye
73725	MRI angio lower ext w or w/o dye
74150	CT abdomen w/o dye
74160	CT abdomen w/ dye
74170	CT abdomen w/o & w/ dye
74174	CT angiography, abdomen & pelvis w/ dye
74175	CT angiography, abdomen w/o & w/ dye
74176	CT abdomen & pelvis w/o dye
74177	CT abdomen & pelvis w/ dye
74178	CT abdomen and/or pelvis w/o dye
74181	MRI abdomen w/o dye
74182	MRI abdomen w/ dye
74183	MRI abdomen w/o and w/ dye
74185	MRI angio, abdom w/ or w/o dye
74261	CT colonography w/o dye
74262	CT colonography w/ dye
74712	MRI fetal, single or first gestation
75557	Cardiac mri for morph
75559	Cardiac mri w/stress img
75561	Cardiac mri for morph w/dye
75563	Cardiac mri w/stress img & dye
75571	CT hrt w/o dye w/ca test

MULTIPLE PROCEDURE PAYMENT REDUCTION CODE LIST (CONTINUED)

75572	CT hrt w/3d image
75573	CT hrt w/3d image, congen
75574	CT angio hrt w/3d image
75635	CT angio abdominal arteries
76604	Us exam, chest, b-scan
76700	Us exam, abdom, complete
76705	Echo exam of abdomen
76770	Us exam abdo back wall, comp
76775	Us exam abdo back wall, lim
76776	Us exam k transpl w/doppler
76831	Echo exam, uterus
76856	Us exam, pelvic, complete
76857	Us exam, pelvic, limited
76870	Us exam, scrotum
77058	MRI, one breast
77059	MRI, broth breasts
G0297	Low dose computer tomography

Example

Modifier	Procedure 1 (74183)	Procedure 2 (72196)	Multiple Imaging Allowed Effective 10/1/17
Professional Component (Modifier 26)	\$158.66	\$122.60	\$275.13 { \$158.66 (Proc 1 Prof) + \$122.60 X 95% (Proc 2 Prof) }
Technical Component (Modifier TC)	\$697.33	\$533.65	\$964.16 { \$697.33 (Proc 1 Tech) + \$533.65 X 50% (Proc 2 Tech) }
Global Component (No Modifier)	\$855.99	\$656.25	\$1,239.29 { \$855.99 (Proc 1 Global) + (\$533.65 (Proc 2 Tech) X 50%) + (\$122.60 (Proc 2 Prof) X 95%) }

**Note: The allowables listed above are only examples.*