TRANRECTAL ULTRASOUND, PROSTATE AND ECHOGRAPHY
CAG1105.061

SECTION: Administrative
SUBSECTION: Claims Adjudication
SUBJECT: Transrectal Ultrasound, Prostate and Echography

CHECK CONTRACT:
Check all appropriate contract provisions

CODING DESCRIPTION: (See CPT or HCPCS Manual for full descriptions)
76872: Echography, transrectal
76942: Ultrasonic guidance for needle biopsy
76986: Echography, intraoperative
77776, 77777, 77778: Interstitial radioelement application
53850, 53852: Transurethral destruction of prostate tissue

RATIONALE:
1. Transrectal echography, 76872, will be considered incidental to the interstitial radioelement application codes, 77776, 77777, 77778, as well as incidental to the transurethral destruction of prostate tissue codes, 53850 and 53852.
2. Intraoperative echography, 76986, will be considered incidental to the transurethral destruction of prostate tissue code 53852.
3. Transrectal echography code, 76872, will be considered incidental to the ultrasonic guidance for needle biopsy 76942 and not allowed separately.

RELATED GUIDELINES:
Transrectal Ultrasound, Prostate and Echography – RAD602.009

DISCLAIMER:
State and federal law, as well as contract language, including definitions and specific inclusions/exclusions, takes precedence over Claim Adjudication Guidelines and must be considered first in determining coverage. The member’s contract benefits in effect on the date that services are rendered must be used. Any benefits are subject to the payment of premiums for the date on which services are rendered. Medical technology is constantly evolving, and we reserve the right to review and update Claim Adjudication Guidelines periodically.