

# Operations Bulletin 02-10



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Re: Multiple Hospital Imaging Procedure Payment Reduction

Thank you for participating with Geisinger Health Plan, Geisinger Indemnity Insurance and Geisinger Quality Options, Inc. collectively referred to herein as "Health Plan". After careful evaluation, including CMS policy review, industry practice, market conditions, and competitor comparisons, the Health Plan is revising its claim payment policy for hospital imaging services. The revised claim payment policy applies to all Health Plan product lines, other than those reimbursed under APC's, and is effective for dates of service after May 1, 2010.

The Health Plan will begin to reimburse Hospitals using a multiple procedure payment reduction on the technical component of certain diagnostic imaging procedures. The reduction will be applied to the procedures shown in Table 2 of this bulletin. Full payment will be made for the first procedure. Each subsequent procedure performed during the same encounter, within the same imaging family, will be reimbursed at 75 percent.

The Explanation of Payment (EOP) will reflect an explanation (EX) code of 8T - Pay-Multiple Radiology Reduction Applied when applicable.

The imaging procedures included in Table 2 are arranged by imaging modality:

- Family 1 – Ultrasound
- Family 2 – CT and CTA with and without contrast
- Family 3 – MRI and MRA with and without contrast

An example of the current and the new payment policy are summarized in Table 1, and the lists of procedures subject to the reduction are included in Table 2.

**Table 1. Example of Payments**

Procedure 1 (CPT 74170)	Procedure 2 (CPT 72194)	Current Total Payment	Revised Total Payment	Revised Total Payment Calculation
\$300	\$200	\$500	\$450	$\$300 + (.75 \times \$200)$

**Table 2. List of Diagnostic Imaging Procedures Subject to Reduction**

Family	Code	Code Description
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76604	Us exam, chest
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76700	Us exam, abdom, complete
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76705	Echo exam of abdomen
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76770	Us exam abdo back wall, comp
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76775	Us exam abdo back wall, lim
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76776	Us exam k transpl w/doppler
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76831	Echo exam, uterus
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76856	Us exam, pelvic, complete
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76870	Us exam, scrotum
Family 1 - Ultrasound	76857	Us exam, pelvic, limited
Family	Code	Code Description
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	0067T	Ct colonography;dx
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70450	Ct head/brain w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70480	Ct orbit/ear/fossa w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70486	Ct maxillofacial w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70490	Ct soft tissue neck w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	71250	Ct thorax w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72125	Ct neck spine w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72128	Ct chest spine w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72131	Ct lumbar spine w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72192	Ct pelvis w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	73200	Ct upper extremity w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	73700	Ct lower extremity w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	74150	Ct abdomen w/o dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70487	Ct maxillofacial w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70460	Ct head/brain w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70470	Ct head/brain w/o & w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70481	Ct orbit/ear/fossa w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70482	Ct orbit/ear/fossa w/o&w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70488	Ct maxillofacial w/o & w/dye

Family	Code	Code Description
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70491	Ct soft tissue neck w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70492	Ct sft tsue nck w/o & w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70496	Ct angiography, head
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	70498	Ct angiography, neck
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	71260	Ct thorax w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	71270	Ct thorax w/o & w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	71275	Ct angiography, chest
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72126	Ct neck spine w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72127	Ct neck spine w/o & w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72129	Ct chest spine w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72130	Ct chest spine w/o & w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72132	Ct lumbar spine w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72133	Ct lumbar spine w/o & w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72191	Ct angiograph pelv w/o&w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72193	Ct pelvis w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	72194	Ct pelvis w/o & w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	73201	Ct upper extremity w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	73202	Ct uppr extremity w/o&w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	73206	Ct angio upr extrm w/o&w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	73701	Ct lower extremity w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	73702	Ct lwr extremity w/o&w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	73706	Ct angio lwr extr w/o&w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	74160	Ct abdomen w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	74170	Ct abdomen w/o & w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	74175	Ct angio abdom w/o & w/dye
Family 2 - CT and CTA with and without Contrast	75635	Ct angio abdominal arteries

Family	Code	Code Description
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70336	Magnetic image, jaw joint
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70540	Mri orbit/face/neck w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70544	Mr angiography head w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70547	Mr angiography neck w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70551	Mri brain w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70554	Fmri brain by tech
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	71550	Mri chest w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72141	Mri neck spine w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72146	Mri chest spine w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72148	Mri lumbar spine w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72195	Mri pelvis w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73218	Mri upper extremity w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73221	Mri joint upr extrem w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73718	Mri lower extremity w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73721	Mri jnt of lwr extre w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	74181	Mri abdomen w/o dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	75557	Cardiac mri for morph
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	75559	Cardiac mri w/stress img
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8901	MRA w/o cont, abd
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8904	MRI w/o cont, breast, uni
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8907	MRI w/o cont, breast, bi
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8910	MRA w/o cont, chest
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8913	MRA w/o cont, lwr ext
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8919	MRA w/o cont, pelvis
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70549	Mr angiograph neck w/o&w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70542	Mri orbit/face/neck w/dye

Family	Code	Code Description
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70543	Mri orbt/fac/nck w/o & w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70545	Mr angiography head w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70546	Mr angiograph head w/o&w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70548	Mr angiography neck w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70552	Mri brain w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	70553	Mri brain w/o & w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	71551	Mri chest w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	71552	Mri chest w/o & w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72142	Mri neck spine w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72147	Mri chest spine w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72149	Mri lumbar spine w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72156	Mri neck spine w/o & w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72157	Mri chest spine w/o & w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72158	Mri lumbar spine w/o & w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72196	Mri pelvis w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	72197	Mri pelvis w/o & w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73219	Mri upper extremity w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73220	Mri uppr extremity w/o&w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73222	Mri joint upr extrem w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73223	Mri joint upr extr w/o&w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73719	Mri lower extremity w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73720	Mri lwr extremity w/o&w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73722	Mri joint of lwr extr w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	73723	Mri joint lwr extr w/o&w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	74182	Mri abdomen w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	74183	Mri abdomen w/o & w/dye

Family	Code	Code Description
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	75561	Cardiac mri for morph w/dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	75563	Card mri w/stress img & dye
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8900	MRA w/cont, abd
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8902	MRA w/o fol w/cont, abd
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8903	MRI w/cont, breast, uni
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8905	MRI w/o fol w/cont, brst, un
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8906	MRI w/cont, breast, bi
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8908	MRI w/o fol w/cont, breast,
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8909	MRA w/cont, chest
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8911	MRA w/o fol w/cont, chest
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8912	MRA w/cont, lwr ext
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8914	MRA w/o fol w/cont, lwr ext
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8918	MRA w/cont, pelvis
Family 3 - MRI and MRA with and without Contrast	C8920	MRA w/o fol w/cont, pelvis

\*The above families will be updated, as needed, based on CMS guidelines.

This Operations Bulletin amends the Participating Provider Guide Dev. 10/08. If you have any questions regarding this communication or the enclosed list of diagnostic imaging services, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at the applicable telephone number listed below.

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