

Special Bulletin

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Effective July 7, 2008, Mountain State will implement a new medical policy regarding Multiple Diagnostic Imaging Services.

In early 2006, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) began to phase in a new payment methodology of the technical component of selected multiple diagnostic imaging procedures. This methodology impacts reimbursement for delivery of multiple diagnostic imaging scans from within certain “family” groups of CPT codes administered during the same imaging session.

This new policy, which affects the technical component only, pays the code with the highest allowance, at 100 percent of the allowance, and then pays any subsequent codes within the same family group at 75 percent for the technical component allowance.

In May 2007, Highmark Health Insurance Company (HHIC) implemented this guideline for the Medicare Advantage product in West Virginia.

Mountain State will implement these guidelines effective July 7, 2008, for members enrolled in our commercial products. Mountain States has drafted the new medical policy addressing this guideline and will notify providers when the policy is available online at www.msbcbs.com.

The family groups of CPT codes impacted by this change are outlined in the tables enclosed with this Special Bulletin.

If you have questions or need more information about this medical policy change, please contact your Provider Relations Representative.

**Multiple Procedure Reduction of the Technical Component (TC) of Certain Diagnostic Imaging Procedures
Table of 11 Imaging Families**

HCPCS	Description
Family 01 Ultrasound (Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis-Non-Obstetrical)	
76604	US exam, chest
76700	US exam, abdom, complete
76705	Echo exam of abdomen
76770	US exam abdo back wall, comp
76775	US exam abdo back wall, lim
76831	Echo exam, uterus
76856	US exam, pelvic, complete
76857	US exam, pelvic, limited
Family 02 CT and CTA (Chest/Thorax/Abd/Pelvis)	
71250	CT thorax w/o dye
71260	CT thorax w/dye
71270	CT thorax w/o & w/dye
71275	CT angiography, chest
72191	CT angiograph pelv w/o&w/dye
72192	CT pelvis w/o dye
72193	CT pelvis w/dye
72194	CT pelvis w/o & w/dye
74150	CT abdomen w/o dye
74160	CT abdomen w/dye
74170	CT abdomen w/o & w/dye
74175	CT angio abdom w/o & w/dye
75635	CT angio abdominal arteries
0067T	CT colonography;dx
Family 03 CT and CTA (Head/Brain/Orbit/Maxillofacial/Neck)	
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 sft tsue nck w/o & w/dye
70496	CT angiography, head
70498	CT angiography, neck
Family 04 MRI and MRA (Chest/Abd/Pelvis)	
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
72195	MRI pelvis w/o dye
72196	MRI pelvis w/dye

72197	MRI pelvis w/o & w/dye
72198	MR angio pelvis w/o & w/dye
74181	MRI abdomen w/o dye
74182	MRI abdomen w/dye
74183	MRI abdomen w/o & w/dye
74185	MRI angio, abdom w or w/o dye
HCPCS	Description
Family 05 MRI and MRA (Head/Brain/Neck)	
70540	MRI orbit/face/neck w/o dye
70542	MRI orbit/face/neck w/dye
70543	MRI orbit/fac/nck w/o & w/dye
70544	MR angiography head w/o dye
70545	MR angiography head w/dye
70546	MR angiograph head w/o&w/dye
70547	MR angiography neck w/o dye
70548	MR angiography neck w/dye
70549	MR angiograph neck w/o&w/dye
70551	MRI brain w/o dye
70552	MRI brain w/dye
70553	MRI brain w/o & w/dye
Family 06 MRI and MRA (Spine)	
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
Family 07 CT (Spine)	
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
Family 08 MRI and MRA (Lower Extremities)	
73718	MRI lower extremity w/o dye
73719	MRI lower extremity w/dye
73720	MRI lwr extremity w/o&w/dye
73721	MRI jnt of lwr extre w/o dye
73722	MRI joint of lwr extr w/dye
73723	MRI joint lwr extr w/o&w/dye
73725	MR ang lwr ext w or w/o dye
Family 09 CT and CTA (Lower Extremities)	
73700	CT lower extremity w/o dye
73701	CT lower extremity w/dye
73702	CT lwr extremity w/o&w/dye

73706	CT angio lwr extr w/o&w/dye
Family 10 MR and MRI (Upper Extremities and Joints)	
73218	MRI upper extremity w/o dye
73219	MRI upper extremity w/dye
73220	MRI uppr extremity w/o&w/dye
73221	MRI joint upr extrem w/o dye
73222	MRI joint upr extrem w/dye
73223	MRI joint upr extr w/o&w/dye
HCPCS	Description
Family 11 CT and CTA (Upper Extremities)	
73200	CT upper extremity w/o dye
73201	CT upper extremity w/dye
73202	CT uppr extremity w/o&w/dye
73206	CT angio upr extrm w/o&w/dye