



2015 Reimbursement Codes

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HCPCS Device Codes

HCPCS codes are developed and maintained by CMS and are used to report items such as medical devices, implants, drugs and supplies. C-codes are a special type of HCPCS code designed specifically for hospital use in billing Medicare for certain outpatient items and procedures. Other payers may also accept C-codes. S codes are used by private insurers to report drugs, services, and supplies for which there are no national codes but for which codes are needed by the private sector to implement policies, programs, or claims processing. They are for the purpose of meeting the particular needs of the private sector.

Not all implanted items have a specific HCPCS code. If desired, a miscellaneous HCPCS code can be used.

HCPCS Code	Description
C1713	Anchor/screw for opposing bone-to-bone or soft tissue-to-bone (implantable)

Reference: "List of Device Category Codes for Present or Previous Pass-Through Payment and Related Definitions", January 2015

CPT[®] Codes

Codes for internal or external fixation are to be used only when internal or external fixation is not already listed as part of the basic procedure.

Physician Coding

Resource based relative value scale (RBRVS) is the prospective payment system Medicare uses to reimburse physicians. Each service has relative value units (RVUs) that indicate its rank compared to all other services in terms of the relative costs of the resources required, including physician work, practice expenses, and malpractice insurance. The RVU is converted to a flat payment amount using a standardized conversion factor.

Different sites of services have different RVUs and payment:

- Facility RVUs represent surgical services provided in hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, or skilled nursing facilities.
- Non-Facility RVUs represent surgical services provided in physician's offices.
- RVUs and payments are usually lower in the Facility setting because the facility is incurring some of the costs. RVUs and payments are usually higher in the Non-Facility setting because the physician incurs all costs there and the physician must be reimbursed for those costs.

"NA" indicates that the Non-Facility RVUs do not exist because the service is expected to be performed in a facility.

"UNL" indicates the CPT code as unlisted, and therefore Non-Facility or Facility RVUs cannot be calculated.

CPT [®] CODE	Description	Facility		Non-Facility	
		RVUs	Medicare Average Payment	RVUs	Medicare Average Payment
28705	Arthrodesis; pantalar	36.02	\$1,290	NA	NA
28715	Arthrodesis; triple	26.89	\$963	NA	NA
28725	Arthrodesis; subtalar	22.26	\$797	NA	NA
28730	Arthrodesis, midtarsal or tarsometatarsal, multiple or transverse	20.93	\$749	NA	NA
28737	Arthrodesis, with tendon lengthening and advancement, midtarsal, tarsal navicular-cuneiform (eg, Miller type procedure)	19.85	\$710	NA	NA

Reference: Medicare Program; Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2015 Final Rule, Addendum B: CY 2015 Relative Value Units (RVUs) and related information used in determining final Medicare payments.

See also: <http://www.cms.gov/apps/physician-fee-schedule/search/search-criteria.aspx>

2015 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Conversion Factor: The CY 2015 MPFS conversion factor is \$35.8013 for January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015--as a result of Congress passing a "fix" to the sustainable growth rate (SGR) in April 2014. The "fix" provided for a zero percent update for services furnished between January 1 and March 31, 2015.

Hospital Outpatient Coding (APCs)

Ambulatory payment classifications (APCs) is the prospective payment system Medicare uses to reimburse hospitals for outpatient services. Each CPT® code for a significant procedure is assigned to a specific APC class based on clinical and resource similarities. Each APC has a relative weight that indicates its rank compared to all other procedures in terms of the relative costs. The relative weight is then converted to a flat payment amount using a standardized conversion factor.

Multiple APCs can be assigned for the same case if multiple procedures are performed. The status indicator (SI) signifies how a code is handled for payment. Specifically, status indicator T means that the code pays at 100% of the rate when it is the only procedure or is the highest-weighted procedure, but pays at 50% of the rate when it is submitted with another higher-weighted procedure.

For Medicare, with a few exceptions, the APC payment for the procedure code is considered complete. In general, separate payment is not made for implanted devices. Instead, payment for implants used in the procedure is included in the payment for the procedure. However, private payers may have carve-outs for implants.

CPT® Code	Description	APC	APC Title	SI	Relative Weight	Medicare Average Payment
28705	Arthrodesis; pantalar	0056	Level II Foot Musculoskeletal Procedures	T	70.3645	\$10,220
28715	Arthrodesis; triple	0425	Level V Musculoskeletal Procedures Except Hand and Foot	J1	137.8399	\$5,217
28725	Arthrodesis; subtalar	0056	Level II Foot Musculoskeletal Procedures	T	70.3645	\$5,217
28730	Arthrodesis, midtarsal or tarsometatarsal, multiple or transverse	0056	Level II Foot Musculoskeletal Procedures	T	70.3645	\$5,217
28737	Arthrodesis, with tendon lengthening and advancement, midtarsal, tarsal navicular-cuneiform (eg, Miller type procedure)	0056	Level II Foot Musculoskeletal Procedures	T	70.3645	\$5,217

Reference: Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System Final Rule Addendum C - Final HCPCS Codes Payable Under the 2015 OPPI by APC

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Coding

Medicare's prospective payment system for ASCs is based on the systems used for hospital outpatient services and physician office-based procedures. Each CPT® code for an ASC-covered procedure is assigned a relative weight and flat payment amount which is then adjusted for the ASC setting.

Multiple procedures can be paid for the same case if multiple codes are submitted. The payment indicator (PI) signifies how a code is handled for payment. Specifically, payment indicator A2 means a surgical procedure whose payment is based on the hospital outpatient rate. Payment indicator G2 is a technical variation but also means a surgical procedure whose payment is based on the hospital outpatient rate. When the Multiple Procedure Discount is Yes, it indicates that the code pays at 100% of the rate when it is the only procedure or is the highest-weighted procedure, but pays at 50% of the rate when it is submitted with another higher-weighted procedure.

For Medicare, with a few exceptions, the ASC payment for the procedure code is considered complete. In general, separate payment is not made for implanted devices. Instead, payment for implants used in the procedure is included in the payment for the procedure. However, private payers may have carve-outs for implants.

CPT® Code	Description	PI	Multi-Procedure Discounting?	Relative Weight	Medicare Average Payment
28705	Arthrodesis; pantalar	A2	Y	64.9113	\$2,861
28715	Arthrodesis; triple	J8	N	177.9456	\$7,842
28725	Arthrodesis; subtalar	A2	Y	64.9113	\$2,861
28730	Arthrodesis, midtarsal or tarsometatarsal, multiple or transverse	A2	Y	64.9113	\$2,861
28737	Arthrodesis, with tendon lengthening and advancement, midtarsal, tarsal navicular-cuneiform (eg, Miller type procedure)	A2	Y	64.9113	\$2,861

Reference: Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Final Rule, Addendum AA -- Final ASC Covered Surgical Procedures for CY 2015 (Including Surgical Procedures for Which Payment is Packaged), Addendum EE -- Surgical Procedures Proposed to be Excluded from Payment in ASCs for CY 2015

ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes

ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes are used by all providers, including physicians, hospitals and ASCs, and in all settings, including inpatient and outpatient. Diagnosis codes indicate the reason for the procedure and are mandatory for reimbursement. The codes shown below are those that are common with procedures using the VALOR® Hindfoot Fusion System though other codes may also be appropriate. This list includes common codes assigned for ankle and foot disorders. The ICD-9-CM book should always be referenced for diagnostic coding.

ICD-9-CM Diagnosis	Description
714.0	Rheumatoid arthritis
714.1	Felty's syndrome
715.17	Osteoarthritis, localized, primary, ankle and foot
715.27	Osteoarthritis, localized, secondary, ankle and foot
715.37	Osteoarthritis, localized, not specified whether primary or secondary, ankle and foot
715.89	Osteoarthritis involving, or with mention of more than one site, but not specified as generalized, multiple sites
715.97	Osteoarthritis, unspecified whether generalized or localized, ankle and foot
716.17	Traumatic arthropathy, ankle and foot
718.87	Other joint derangement, not elsewhere classified, ankle and foot
719.47	Pain in joint, ankle and foot
731.3	Major osseous defects
733.44	Aseptic necrosis of talus
733.49	Aseptic necrosis of talus
733.81	Malunion of fracture
733.82	Nonunion of fracture
733.99	Other disorders of bone and cartilage
734	Flat Foot
736.71	Acquired equinovarus deformity

ICD-9-CM Diagnosis	Description
736.72	Equinus deformity of foot, acquired
736.73	Cavus deformity of foot, acquired
736.74	Claw foot, acquired
736.75	Cavovarus deformity of foot, acquired
736.76	Other acquired calcaneus deformity
736.79	Other acquired deformities of ankle and foot
754.52	Metatarsus primus varus
754.61	Congenital pes planus
754.62	Talipes calcaneovalgus
754.69	Other valgus deformities of feet
754.70	Talipes, unspecified
755.67	Congenital anomalies of foot, not elsewhere classified
825.0	Fracture of calcaneus, closed
825.1	Fracture of calcaneus, open
825.20	Closed fracture of unspecified bone(s) of foot [except toes]
825.22	Closed fracture of navicular [scaphoid], foot
825.29	Other closed fracture of tarsal and metatarsal bones
928.20	Crushing injury of foot
928.21	Crushing injury of ankle

Hospital Inpatient Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRGs) and ICD-9-CM Procedure Codes

Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRGs) is the prospective payment system Medicare uses to reimburse hospitals for inpatient services. Each inpatient stay is assigned to a specific group based on clinical and resource similarities for its ICD-9-CM diagnosis and procedure codes. Only one DRG is assigned to each inpatient case, regardless of the number of diagnosis and procedure codes. Both CC and MCC refers to secondary diagnoses that are designated as complications/comorbidities (CC) or major complications/comorbidities (MCC). Each DRG has a relative weight which is then converted to a flat payment amount using standard operating and capital amounts.

For Medicare, with a few exceptions, the MS-DRG payment for the procedure is considered complete and payment for implants is included in the MS-DRG payment. However, private payers may have carve-outs for implants.

DRG	DRG Title	Relative Weight	Medicare National Unadjusted Payment	ICD-9-CM Procedure Codes and Descriptions
492	Lower Extremity and Humerus Procedures Except Hip, Foot, Femur with MCC	3.1873	\$18,695	
493	Lower Extremity and Humerus Procedures Except Hip, Foot, Femur with CC	2.0354	\$11,938	81.11 81.12
494	Lower Extremity and Humerus Procedures WO CC/MCC	1.5397	\$9,031	
503	Foot Procedures W CC	2.3338	\$13,688	77.38 ~with~
504	Foot Procedures W CC	1.5691	\$9,203	81.13 81.14 81.15
505	Foot Procedures WO CC/MCC	1.2474	\$7,316	or 81.18

Reference: Medicare Program: Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals Table 5— List of Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRGs) Relative Weighting Factors—FY 2015 Final Rule



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