

HISTORY VERSION

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Subject: Multiple Endoscopy Procedures

Effective Date: August 1, 2016 End Date:

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Source: Reimbursement Policy

 Applicable Commercial Market
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 Applicable Medicare Advantage Market
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A checked box indicates the policy is applicable to that market either entirely, or partially, as indicated within the policy.

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Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

EXAMPLES:

Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

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- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

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- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

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Group 07: L	aryngoscopy	/ - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31505			
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Group 08: L	aryngoscopy	/ - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31525			
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Group 09: L	aryngoscopy	/ - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31526			
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Group 10: I	aryngoscopy	/ - Fndo Ras	e Procedure	31575			
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Group 19: Sr	nall Bowel E	ndoscopy th	rough Stom	a – Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 44380	
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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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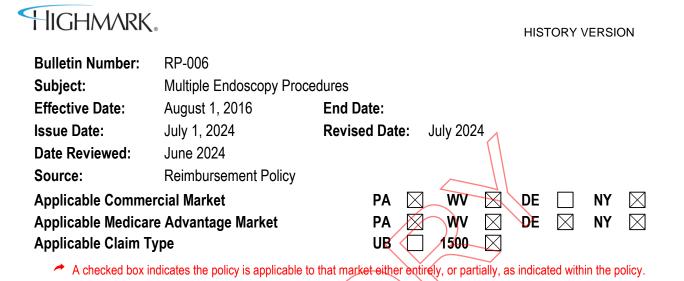
Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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8 / 2016	Implementation
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to base code 45350 and 38573 added to base code 49320. Code
1 / 2010	43235 was corrected to the appropriate endo base code 52000
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,
1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added
1 / 2021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes
1 / 2022	Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575
4 / 2022	Added code 43497 to endo base 43235
1 / 2023	Added code 43290 and 43291 to endo base 43235
9 / 2023	Administrative update. No changes in policy direction
1 / 2024	Added 31242 and 31243 to endo base 31231. Added 52284 to endo base 52000. Added
1 / 2024	0813T to endo base 43235. Added 0781T and 0782T to endo base 31622
4 / 2024	Added New York Commercial applicable to the policy
5 / 2024	Added New York Medicare Advantage applicable to the policy
7 / 2024	Added 0884T to endo base 43200, 0885T to endo base 45378, and 0886T to endo base
1 / 2024	45330
1 / 2025	Added 53865, 0935T, 0941T, 0942T, 0943T to endo base 52000



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Group 08: La	aryngoscopy	- Endo Base	e Procedure	31525			
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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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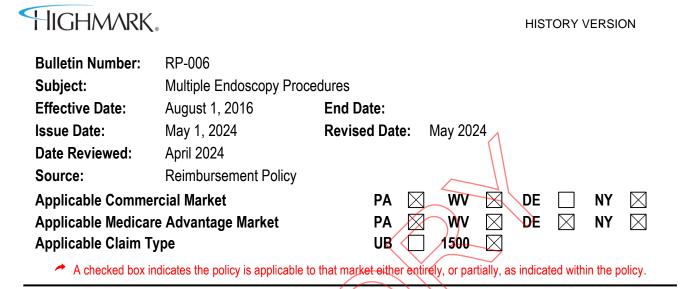
Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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8 / 2016	Implementation					
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to base code 45350 and 38573 added to base code 49320. Code					
1 / 2010	43235 was corrected to the appropriate endo base code 52000					
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,					
1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 312 <mark>59, 3</mark> 1267, 31276, 31287, 31288,					
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298					
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base 31231					
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added					
1 / 2021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes					
1 / 2022	Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575					
4 / 2022	Added code 43497 to endo base 43235					
1 / 2023	Added code 43290 and 43291 to endo base 43235					
9 / 2023	Administrative update. No changes in policy direction					
1 / 2024	Added 31242 and 31243 to endo base 31231. Added 52284 to endo base 52000. Added					
1 / 2024	0813T to endo base 43235. Added 0781T and 0782T to endo base 31622					
4 / 2024	Added New York Commercial applicable to the policy					
5 / 2024	Added New York Medicare Advantage applicable to the policy					
7 / 2024	Added 0884T to endo base 43200. Added 0885T to endo base 45378. Added 0886T to					
1 / 2024	endo base 45330.					



Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this policy.

PURPOSE:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES?

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

EXAMPLES:

Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the other groups

- o Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- o For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

Note: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Commercial Delaware market.

APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:

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Group 01: S	houlder Arth	roscopy/Sur	gery - Endo	Base Proced	dure 29805		
29806	29807	29819	29820	29821 /	29822	29823	29824
29825	29827	29828					
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Group 02: E	lbow Arthros	scopy/Surge	ry - Endo Ba	se Procedur	e 29830		
29834	29835	29836	29837 /	29838			
Group 03: W	rist Arthros	copy/Surgery	y - Endo Bas	e Procedure	29840		
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847			
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Group 04: H	ip Arthrosco	py - Endo B	se Procedu	re 29860			
29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	29916		
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Group 05: K	nee Arthroso	copy - Endo	Base Proced	dure 29870			
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887	
Group 06: N	asal/Sinus S	urgery - End	lo Base Prod	edure 31231			
31233	31235	> 31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31242
31243	31253	31254	31255	31256	31257	31259	31267
31276	31287	31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294
31295	31296	31297	31298	69705	69706		
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Group 07: L	aryngoscopy	/ - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31505			
31510	31511	31512	31513				
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Group 08: La	aryngoscopy	/ - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31525			
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570
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Group 09: La	aryngoscopy	/ - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31526			
31531	31536	31541	31545	31546	31561	31571	
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Group 10: L	.aryngoscop	y - Endo Ba	se Procedur	e 31575			
31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	42975
Group 11: B	Bronchosco	py - Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 31622			
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648
31660	31661	0781T	0782T				
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43192	43193	43194	43195	43196		1	
Group 13: E	sophagosc	opy, Flexible	e Transnasal	l - Endo Base	e Procedure	43197	
43198						7/	
Group 14: E	sophagosc	opy - Endo E	Base Proced	ure 43200			
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206	43214	43212	43213
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229
43231	43232						
Group 15: U	IGI Endosco	py Including	g Esophagus	s - Endo Bas	Procedure	43235	
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	43241
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259
43266	43270	43290	43291	43497	0813T		
Group 16: E	ndoscopic	Cholangiopa	ancretograpi	hy - Endo Ba	se Procedur	e 43260	
43261	43262 <	43263	43264	43265	43274	43275	43276
43277	43278)				
Group 17: S	mall Bowel	Endoscopy	- Endo Base	Procedure	44360		
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369	44370	44372
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Group 18: S	Small Bowel	Endoscopy	and Ilieum -	Endo Base	Procedure 4	4376	
44377	44378	44379					
Group 19: S 44381	Small Bowel 44382	Endoscopy 44384	through Sto	ma – Endo E	Base Proced	ure 44380	
Group 20: C	Colonoscopy	/ Through S	toma - Endo	Base Proce	dure 44388		
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403
44404	44405	44406	44407	44408			
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Group 21: P	roctosigm	oidoscopy - I	Endo Base P	rocedure 45	5300		
45303	45305	45307	45308	45309	45315	45317	45320
45321	45327						
Group 22: S	igmoidosc	opy - Endo E	Base Procedu	ıre 45330			
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340
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Group 24: A	noscopy -	· Endo Base I	Procedure 46	6000			
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608	46610	46611	46612
46614	46615						
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Group 25: B	iliary Endo	scopy - End	o Base Proce	edure 475 <mark>5</mark> 2			
47553	47554	47555	47556				
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Group 27: R	enal Endo	scony via Na	nhrostomy/F	velostomy	- Endo Base	Procedure 4	50551
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Group 28: R	enal Endo	scopy via Ne	pthrotomy/P	velostomy -	Endo Base I	Procedure 5	0570
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Group 29: U	reteral En	doscopy via l	Ureterostomy	y - Endo Ba	se Procedure	50951	
50953	50955	50957	50961				
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•		doscopy via l	Ureterotomy	- Endo Bas	e Procedure	50970	
50974	50976						
Group 31: C	vetoureth	oscopy - End	do Rasa Droc	edure 5200	n		
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204	52214	52224	52234
52001	52240	52250	52260	52265	52270	52275	52234
52235	52240	52282	52283	52284	52270	52275	52270
52300	52301	52305	52263	52315	52265	52318	52320
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Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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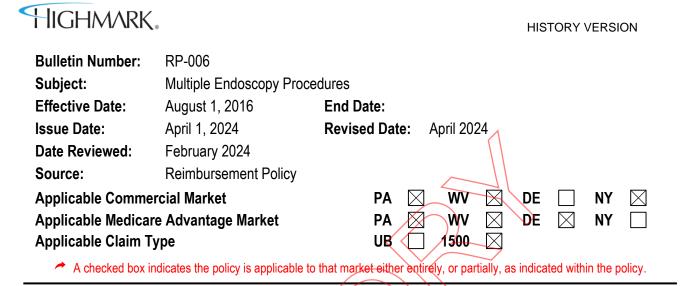
Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base 31231
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EXAMPLES:

Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the other groups

- o Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- o For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

Note: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Commercial Delaware market.

APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:

						71			
Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805									
29806	29807	29819	29820	29821 /	29822	29823	29824		
29825	29827	29828							
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Group 02: E	Ibow Arthros	scopy/Surge	ry - Endo Ba	se Procedur	e 29830				
29834	29835	29836	29837 /	29838					
Group 03: W	/rist Arthros	copy/Surgery	y - Endo Bas	e Procedure	29840				
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847					
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Group 04: H	ip Arthrosco	py - Endo B	se Procedu	re 29860					
29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	29916				
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Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870									
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880		
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887			
Group 06: N	asal/Sinus S	urgery - End	lo Base Prod	edure 31231					
31233	31235	>31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31242		
31243	31253	31254	31255	31256	31257	31259	31267		
31276	31287	31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294		
31295	31296	31297	31298	69705	69706				
Group 07: L	arvngoscopy	y - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31505					
31510	31511	31512	31513						
Group 08: L	arvngoscopy	y - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31525					
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570		
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Group 09: L	aryngoscopy	y - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31526					
31531	31536	31541	31545	31546	31561	31571			
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Group 10: L	aryngoscop	y - Endo Bas	se Procedur	e 31575					
31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	42975		
Group 11: B	ronchoscop	y - Endo Bas	se Procedui	re 31622					
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634		
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648		
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43192	43193	43194	43195	43196		1			
Group 13: E	sophagosco	py, Flexible	Transnasal	- Endo Base	e Procedure	43197			
43198						7/			
Group 14: E	sophagosco	py - Endo B	ase Proced	ure 43200					
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206	43214	43212	43213		
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229		
43231	43232								
Group 15: UGI Endoscopy Including Esophagus - Endo Base Procedure 43235									
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	43241		
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249		
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259		
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Group 16: E	ndoscopic (Cholangiopa	ncretograph	nv - Endo Ba	se Procedur	e 43260			
43261	43262	43263	43264	43265	43274	43275	43276		
43277	43278								
Group 17: S	mall Rowel I	Endoscopy -	Endo Base	Procedure	14360				
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Group 18: S	mall Bowel I	Endoscopy a	and Ilieum -	Endo Base I	Procedure 44	1376			
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Group 21: P	roctosigm	oidoscopy - I	Endo Base P	rocedure 45	5300		
45303	45305	45307	45308	45309	45315	45317	45320
45321	45327						
Group 22: S	igmoidosc	opy - Endo E	Base Procedu	ıre 45330			
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Group 24: A	noscopy -	Endo Base	Procedure 46	6000			
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Group 25: E	iliary Endo	scopy - End	o Base Proce	edure 475 <mark>5</mark> 2		<u></u>	
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Group 27: R	enal Endo	scony via No	nhrostomy/F	velostomy	- Endo Base	Procedure 4	50551
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Group 28: R	Renal Endo	scopy via Ne	pthrotomy/P	velostomy -	Endo Base I	Procedure 5	0570
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Group 29: U	reteral End	doscopy via l	Ureterostomy	y - Endo Ba	se Procedure	50951	
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•		doscopy via l	Ureterotomy	- Endo Bas	e Procedure	50970	
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Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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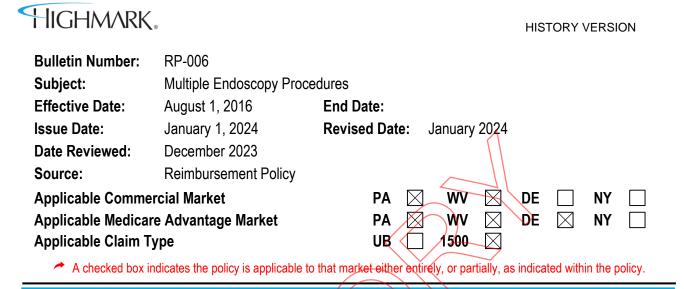
Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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8 / 2016	Implementation
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to base code 45350 and 38573 added to base code 49320. Code
1 / 2010	43235 was corrected to the appropriate endo base code 52000.
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,
1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added
1 / 2021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes.
1 / 2022	Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575.
4 / 2022	Added code 43497 to endo base 43235
1 / 2023	Added code 43290 and 43291 to endo base 43235
9 / 2023	Administrative update. No changes in policy direction.
1 / 2024	Added 31242 and 31243 to endo base 31231. Added 52284 to endo base 52000. Added
1 / 2024	0813T to endo base 43235. Added 0781T and 0782T to endo base 31622.
4 / 2024	Added New York Commercial applicable to the policy.



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REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

EXAMPLES:

Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the other groups

- o Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- o For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

Note: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Commercial Delaware market.

APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:

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Group 06: N	asal/Sinus S	Surgery - End	lo Base Prod	cedure 31231			
31233	31235	31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31242
31243	31253	31254	31255	31256	31257	31259	31267
31276	31287	31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294
31295	31296	31297	31298	69705	69706		
Group 07: L	aryngoscop	y - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31505			
31510	31511	31512	31513				
Group 08: L	arvngoscop	y - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31525			
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570
Group 09: L	aryngoscop	y - Endo Bas	e Procedure	31526			
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Group 11: B	ronchoscop	y - Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 31622					
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Group 13: E	sophagosco	py, Flexible	Transnasal	- Endo Base	Procedure	43197			
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Group 14: E	sophagosco	py - Endo B	ase Proced	ure 43200					
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Group 15: UGI Endoscopy Including Esophagus - Endo Base Procedure 43235									
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Group 17: S	mall Bowel	Endoscopy -	Endo Base	Procedure 4	14360				
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Group 18: S	mall Bowel	Endoscopy a	and Ilieum -	Endo Base I	Procedure 4	4376			
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Group 20: C	olonoscopy	Through Sto	oma - Endo	Base Proce	dure 44388				
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403		
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Group 21: Pi	roctosigmoi	doscopy - Er	ndo Base Pr	ocedure 4530	00		
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Group 22: Si	igmoidosco	py - Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 45330			
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40014	40013						
Group 25: B	iliary Endos	copy - Endo	Base Proce	dure 47552			
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Group 26: La	aparoscopy	- End Base F	Procedure 4	9320	$\backslash \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $		
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Group 27: R	enal Endosc	/ /	hrostomy/P	yelostomy - E	Endo Base P	rocedure 50	0551
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Group 30: U	reteral Endo	, scopy via Ui	reterotomy -	Endo Base I	Procedure 5	0970	
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Group 31: C	ystourethro	scopy - Endo	Base Proce	edure 52000			
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Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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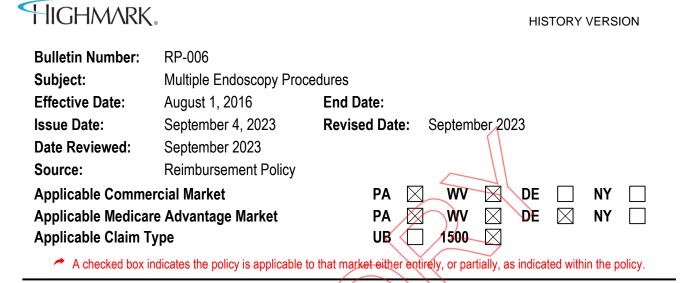
Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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8 / 2016	Implementation						
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1 / 2010	43235 was corrected to the appropriate endo base code 52000.						
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,						
1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,						
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.						
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base 31231						
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added						
1 / 2021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes.						
1 / 2022	Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575.						
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1 / 2023	Added code 43290 and 43291 to endo base 43235						
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Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

EXAMPLES:

Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the other groups

- o Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

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Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- o For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

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APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:

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Group 02:	Elbow Arth	roscopy/Su	irgery - End	o Base Pro	cedure 298	30	
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29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	29916		
Group 05:	Knee Arthr	oscopy - Er	ndo Base Pr	ocedure 29	870		
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887	
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Group 06:	Nasal/Sinus	Surgery -	Endo Base	Procedure	31231		
31233	31235	31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31253
31254	31255	31256	31257	31259	31267	31276	31287
31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294	31295	31296
31297	31298	69705	69706				
Group 07:	Laryngosco	py - Endo	Base Proce	dure 31505			
31510	31511	31512	31513				
Group 08:	Laryngosco	ppy - Endo	Base Proce	dure 31525			
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570

Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648
31660	31661						
Group 12:	Esophagoso	copy, Rigid	Transoral -	Endo Base	Procedure	43191	
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43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229
43231	43232		^				
Group 15:	UGI Endosc	opy Includi	ng Esopha	gus - Endo	Base Proce	dure 43235	
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43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259
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Group 16:	Endoscopic	Cholangio	pancretogra	aphy - Endo	Base Prod	edure 4326	0
43261	43262	43263	43264	43265	43274	43275	43276
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Group 17:	Small Bowe	Endoscop	y - Endo Ba	ase Procedi	ıre 44360		
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Group 18:	Small Bowe	l Endoscop	v and Ilieur	n - Endo Ba	se Procedi	ıre 44376	
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Group 19:	Small Bowe	l Endoscon	v through S	Stoma – End	do Base Pro	ocedure 443	380
44381	44382	44384	,				
Group 20.	Colonoscop	v Through	Stoma - Fn	do Base Pro	ocedure 44:	388	
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Group 21:	Proctosign	noidoscopy	- Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 45300		
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Group 22-	Sigmoidoso	opy - Endo	Base Prod	cedure 4533	0		
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45341	45342	45346	45347	45349	45350		
Group 23:	Colonosco	py through	Rectum -	Endo Base	Procedure	45378	
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388
45389	45390	45391	45392	45393	45398		
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Group 24:	Anoscopy -	- Endo Base	Procedur	e 46600	4	\longrightarrow	
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Group 25:	Biliary End	oscopy - Er	ndo Base P	Procedure 4	7552		
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Group 26:	Laparosco	py - End Ba	se Procedi	ure 49320			
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Group 27:	Renal Endo	scopy via I	Vephrosto	my/Pyelosto	omy - Endo	Base Proce	edure
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Group 28:	Renal Endo	scopy via N	Nepthroton	ny/Pyelosto	my - Endo	Base Proce	dure
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-	Ureteral En			tomy - Endo	o Base Pro	cedure 5095	51
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50974	50976						
Group 31:	Cystoureth	roscopy - E	ndo Base	Procedure :	52000		
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Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure 52351

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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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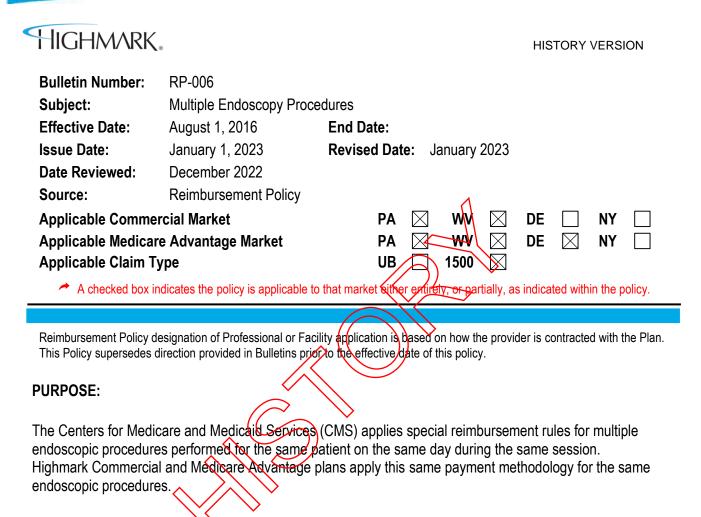
Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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4 / 2022	Added code 43497 to endo base family 43235
1 / 2023	Added code 43290 and 43291 to endo base family 43235
9 / 2023	Administrative update. No changes in policy direction.



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If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy. If an

endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

EXAMPLES:

Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the other groups

- o Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- o For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

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APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:

Group 01:	Shoulder	Arthroscopy	/Surgery -	Endo Base	Procedure	29805	
29806	29807	29819	29820	29821	29822	29823	29824
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Group 02:	Elbow Art	throscopy/Su	irgery - En	do Base Pr	ocedure 29	830	
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Group 03:	Wrist Arth	nroscopy/Su	rgery - End	o Base Pro	cedure 298	40	
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847			
Group 04:	Hip Arthro	oscopy - End	lo Base Pro	cedure 298	360		
29861	29862	29863	29 914	29915	29916		
Group 05:	Knee Arth	rescopy - E	ndo Base P	rocedure 2	9870		
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887	
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Group 06:	Nasal/Sin	us Surgery -	Endo Base	Procedure	31231		
31233	31235	31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31253
31254	31255	31256	31257	31259	31267	31276	31287
31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294	31295	31296
31297	31298	69705	69706				
Group 07:	Laryngos	copy - Endo	Base Proc	edure 3150	5		
31510	31511	31512	31513				
Group 08:	Laryngos	copy - Endo	Base Proc	edure 3152	5		
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570

Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

31531	31536	31541	31545	31546	31561	31571			
Group 10:	Larungosco	ny - Endo I	Raco Proco	duro 21575					
31572	Laryngosco 31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	42975		
31372	31373	31374	31370	31377	31370	31379	42913		
Group 11:	Bronchosco	opy - Endo	Base Proce	dure 31622					
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634		
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648		
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Group 12:	Esophagos	copy, Rigid	Transoral -	Endo Base	Procedure	43191			
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Group 15: UGI Endoscopy Including Esophagus - Endo Base Procedure 43235									
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43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259		
43266	43270	43290	43291	43497	40200	43231	40200		
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Group 16:	Endoscopio	Cholangio	bancretogr	aphy - Endo	Base Prod	cedure 4326	60		
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Group 17:	Small Bowe	l Endoscop	y - Endo B	ase Proced	ure 44360				
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369	44370	44372		
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Group 18:	Small Bowe	l Endoscop	y and Ilieu	m - Endo Ba	ase Proced	ure 44376			
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Group 20.	Colonoscop	y Through	Stoma - En	do Rasa Dr	ocedure 11	388			
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403		
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Group 21:	Proctosio	gmoidoscopy	- Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 45300						
45303	45305	45307	45308	45309	45315	45317	45320				
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45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340				
45341	45342	45346	45347	45349	45350						
Group 23:	Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378										
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388				
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Group 24:	Anoscop	y - Endo Bas	e Procedui	e 46600		\bigcap					
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Group 29:	Ureteral I	Endoscopy vi	ia Ureteros	tomy - Ende	o Base Pro	cedure 5095	51				
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Group 30:	Ureteral I	Endoscopy vi	ia Ureterot	omy - Endo	Base Proce	edure 50970)				
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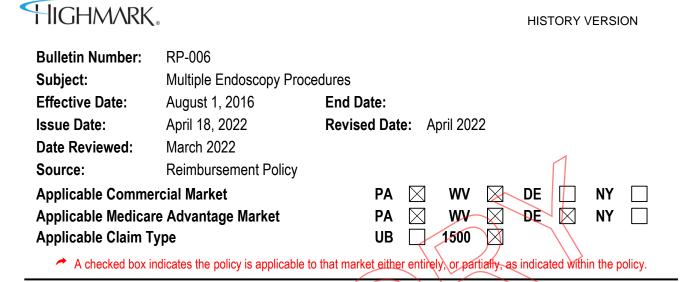
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Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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43266	43270	43497	10200	40204	40200	40201	10200			
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43211	43270									
Group 17:	Small Bowe	el Endoscor	ov - Endo B	ase Proced	ure 44360					
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Group 18:	Small Bowe	el Endoscor	ov and Ilieu	m - Endo Ba	ase Proced	ure 44376				
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Group 20:	Colonosco	y Through	Stoma - En	ido Base Pr	ocedure 44	388				
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403			
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Group 22- Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330										
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Group 23:	Colonosco	py through I	Rectum – E	ndo Base P	rocedure 4	5378				
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388			
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Group 20:	Urotoral En	doscopy via	Urotoroeta	my - Endo	Rasa Draca	dura 50051				
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Group 31	Cystoureth	roscopy - E	ndo Base P	rocedure 52	2000					
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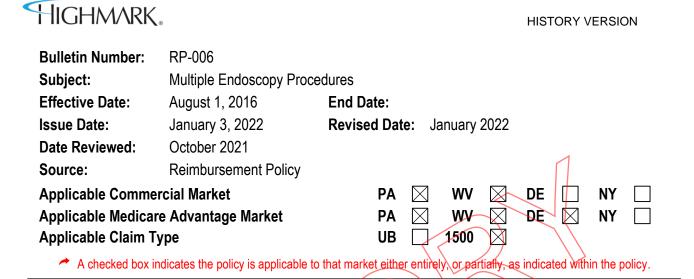
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- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

Note: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES: Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805 Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830 Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840 Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860 Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870 **Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231 Group 07: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505** Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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Group 18:	Small Bowe	el Endoscop	y and Ilieui	m - Endo Ba	ase Proced	ure 44376					
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Group 19:	Small Bowe	el Endoscop	y through \$	Stoma – En	do Base Pr	ocedure 44	380				
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Group 20:	Colonosco	y Through	Stoma - En	do Base Pr	ocedure 44	388					
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Group 21:	Proctosigm	oidoscopy -	- Endo Bas	e Procedure	e 45300		
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Group 22-	Sigmoidosc	opy - Endo	Base Proce	edure 45330			
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Group 23:	Colonoscop	y through F	Rectum – E	indo Base P	rocedure 4	5378	
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Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure

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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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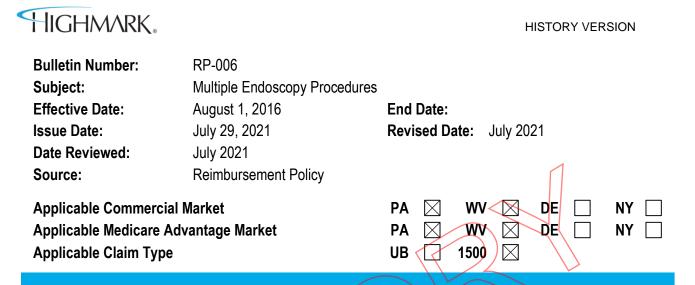
Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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8 / 2016	Implementation
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to family base code 45350 and 38573 added to family base code
1 / 2010	49320. Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate base code 52000.
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,
1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base family 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added
1 / 2021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes.
1 / 2022	Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575.



Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this Policy.

PURPOSE:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy. If an endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

EXAMPLES:

Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

Note: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:

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Group 03:	Wrist Arthro	scopy/Surg	ery - Endo E	Base Proced	lure 29840	/_	
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Group 04:	Hip Arthroso	opy - Endo	Base Proce	dure 29860			
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Group 14:	Esophagosc	ony - Endo I	Base Proced	lure 43200			
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Group 15:	UGI Endosco	ny Includin	g Esophagu	s - Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 43235	
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Group 23:	Colonosco	py through	Rectum - En	ido Base Pr	ocedure 453	378	
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Group 24:	Anoscopy -	- Endo Base	Procedure	46600			
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Group 25:	Biliary End	oscopy - En	ido Base Pro	ocedure 475	52		1
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Group 26:	Laparosco	py - End Bas	se Procedur	e 49320			7 (
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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to family base code 45350 and 38573 added to family base code
1 / 2010	49320. Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate base code 52000.
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1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base family 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added
1 / 2021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes.

HIGHMARK.		HISTORY VERSIONS
Bulletin Number:	RP-006	
Subject:	Multiple Endoscopy Procede	ures
Effective Date:	August 1, 2016	End Date:
Issue Date:	July 5, 2021	Revised Date: July 2021
Date Reviewed:	July 2021	
Source:	Reimbursement Policy	
Applicable Commercia Applicable Medicare A Applicable Claim Type	Advantage Market	PA

Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this Policy.

PURPOSE:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy.

If an endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

EXAMPLES:

Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- o Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

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For the group that includes the base code

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

For the endoscopies in the other group(s)

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- o For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

Note: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

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29834	29835	29836	29837	29838		>	
Group 03:	Wrist Arthr	oscopy/Sur	gery - Endo	Base Proce	dure 29840		
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847			
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Group 04:	Hip Arthros	copy - End	o Base Proc	edure 29860)		
29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	29916		
Group 05:	Knee Arthr	oscopy - En	do Base Pro	ocedure 298	70		
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Group 10:	Laryngosco	opy - Endo l	Base Proced	lure 31575			
31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	
Group 11:	Bronchosc	opy - Endo	Base Proced	dure 31622			
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	316
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	316
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Group 12:	Esophagos	copy, Rigid	l Transoral -	Endo Base	Procedure 4	13191	1
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43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	432
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Group 29:	Ureteral End	doscopy via	Ureteroston	ny - Endo Ba	ase Procedu	ıre 50951	
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Group 31:	Cystourethr	oscopy - En	do Base Pro	cedure 5200	00		
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Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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