

# Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



HISTORY VERSION

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**Subject:** Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction for Certain Diagnostic Imaging Procedures  
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<b>Applicable Commercial Market</b>	PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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See **Appendix B** for applicable cardiovascular imaging procedure codes.

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See **Appendix C** for applicable ophthalmology imaging procedure codes.

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**Applicable Commercial Market**

PA  WV  DE  NY

**Applicable Medicare Advantage Market**

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UB  1500

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### **Cardiovascular Services**

For cardiovascular services, full payment is made for the TC service with the highest payment under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). Payment is made at 75% for subsequent TC services furnished by the same physician (or by multiple physicians in the same group practice, i.e., same Group National Provider Identifier (NPI)) to the same patient on the same day. This reduction applies to technical component only and the technical component of global services.

**Note:** The MPPRs do not apply to professional component (PC) services.

See **Appendix B** for applicable cardiovascular imaging procedure codes.

### **Ophthalmology Services**

For ophthalmology services, full payment is made for the TC service with the highest payment under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). Payment is made at 80% for subsequent TC services furnished by the same physician (or by multiple physicians in the same group practice, i.e., same Group National Provider Identifier (NPI)) to the same patient on the same day. This reduction applies to technical component only and the technical component of global services.

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See **Appendix C** for applicable ophthalmology imaging procedure codes.

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75743	75870	78454	93005	93242	93282	93307	93882	93970	0716T
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75710	75825	75891	78469	93041	93261	93287	93350	93893	93979
75716	75827	75893	78472	93050	93268	93288	93351	93895	93980
75726	75831	78428	78473	93224	93270	93289	93701	93922	93981
75731	75833	78445	78481	93225	93271	93290	93702	93923	93985
75733	75840	78451	78483	93226	93278	93291	93724	93924	93986
75736	75842	78452	78494	93229	93279	93292	93784	93925	93990
75741	75860	78453	93000	93241	93280	93303	93786	93926	0683T
75743	75870	78454	93005	93242	93281	93304	93788	93930	0684T
						93306	93880	93931	0685T

#### APPENDIX C – Applicable Ophthalmology Procedure Codes

76510	76513	76519	92081	92132	92136	92229	92250	92274	92286
76511	76514	92025	92082	92133	92145	92235	92265	92283	0506T
76512	76516	92060	92083	92134	92228	92240	92270	92284	0507T
						92242	92273	92285	0509T



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# Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



HISTORY VERSION

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<b>Applicable Commercial Market</b>	PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Applicable Medicare Advantage Market</b>	PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Applicable Claim Type</b>	UB	<input type="checkbox"/>	1500	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

➔ A checked box indicates the policy is applicable to that market either entirely, or partially, as indicated within the policy.

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) has established a reimbursement methodology for certain multiple diagnostic imaging procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same imaging session.

The Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction for the Technical Component of Certain Diagnostic Imaging Procedures is defined as physicians, group practice and suppliers billing for diagnostic imaging supplies and services. The technical component (TC) represents practice expense (PE) and includes clinical staff, supplies, and equipment. The multiple procedure payment reduction (MPPR) is now expanded to also apply to professional component (PC) services.

## REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

### Professional Component

When the professional component of certain diagnostic imaging services or procedures are performed for the same patient during the same imaging session on the same date of service by the same physician or physician/Group practice, payment will be made at 100% for the professional component of the imaging procedure with the highest allowance. For the additional imaging services performed for the same patient during the same imaging session on the same date of service, by the same physician or physician/Group practice, payment for the professional component portion only will be reduced to 95% of the allowance for the professional component. This reduction applies to the professional component only and the professional component of global services.

## Technical Component

When the technical component of certain diagnostic imaging services or procedures are performed for the same patient during the same imaging session on the same date of service by the same physician or physician/Group practice, payment will be made at 100% for the imaging procedure with the highest allowance. For additional imaging services performed on contiguous anatomic areas during the same imaging session for the same patient, on the same date of service by the same physician or physician/Group practice, payment for the technical component portion only will be reduced to 50% of the allowance for the technical component. This reduction applies to technical component only and the technical component of global services.

## Global Services

When a provider bills globally for two or more services subject to this policy, for the same patient during the same imaging session on the same date of service by the same physician or physician/Group practice, the charge for the Global Procedure Codes will be divided into the PC and TC (indicated by modifiers 26 and TC). The RVUs assigned to each component (26 or TC) on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) will determine which code will be ranked as primary (paid at 100%), and those that will be ranked as secondary or subsequent (paid with reductions applied in accordance with this policy).

See **Appendix A** for diagnostic imaging procedure codes that are applicable to the PC and TC reduction.

The Multiple Procedure Payment Reductions (MPPRs) on diagnostic cardiovascular and ophthalmology procedures apply when multiple services are furnished to the same patient, on the same date of service by the same physician or physician/Group practice. The MPPRs apply independently to cardiovascular and ophthalmology services.

## **Cardiovascular Services**

For cardiovascular services, full payment is made for the TC service with the highest payment under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). Payment is made at 75% for subsequent TC services furnished by the same physician (or by multiple physicians in the same group practice, i.e., same Group National Provider Identifier (NPI)) to the same patient on the same day. This reduction applies to technical component only and the technical component of global services.

**Note:** The MPPRs do not apply to professional component (PC) services.

See **Appendix B** for applicable cardiovascular imaging procedure codes.

## **Ophthalmology Services**

For ophthalmology services, full payment is made for the TC service with the highest payment under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). Payment is made at 80% for subsequent TC services furnished by the same physician (or by multiple physicians in the same group practice, i.e., same Group National Provider Identifier (NPI)) to the same patient on the same day. This reduction applies to technical component only and the technical component of global services.

**Note:** The MPPRs do not apply to professional component (PC) services.

See **Appendix C** for applicable ophthalmology imaging procedure codes.

When multiple imaging services within the same family are performed on the same day for the same patient, but at different imaging sessions, modifier -59 must be reported for the subsequent session(s).

#### APPENDIX A – Procedure Codes Applicable To Professional And Technical Component Reduction

70336	70496	70553	72127	72156	73201	73706	74176	75563	76831
70450	70498	70554	72128	72157	73202	73718	74177	75571	76856
70460	70540	71250	72129	72158	73206	73719	74178	75572	76857
70470	70542	71260	72130	72159	73218	73720	74181	75573	76870
70480	70543	71270	72131	72191	73219	73721	74182	75574	76978
70481	70544	71271	72132	72192	73220	73722	74183	75635	76981
70482	70545	71275	72133	72193	73221	73723	74185	76391	76982
70486	70546	71550	72141	72194	73222	73725	74261	76604	77046
70487	70547	71551	72142	72195	73223	74150	74262	76700	77047
70488	70548	71552	72146	72196	73225	74160	74712	76705	77048
70490	70549	71555	72147	72197	73700	74170	75557	76770	77049
70491	70551	72125	72148	72198	73701	74174	75559	76775	G0297
70492	70552	72126	72149	73200	73702	74175	75561	76776	0648T

#### APPENDIX B – Applicable Cardiovascular Procedure Codes

75600	75746	75872	78456	93015	93243	93282	93306	93788	93926
75605	75756	75880	78457	93017	93245	93283	93307	93880	93930
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