

Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



HISTORY VERSIONS

Bulletin Number: RP-006

Subject: Multiple Endoscopy Procedures

Effective Date: August 1, 2016 **End Date:**

Issue Date: January 1, 2026 **Revised Date:** January 2026

Date Reviewed: December 2025

Source: Reimbursement Policy

Applicable Commercial Market

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Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

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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.

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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

- 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

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%
- 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.

Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805

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| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 | | | |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 | | | |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 | | |
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Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

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| 29871 | 29873 | 29874 | 29875 | 29876 | 29877 | 29879 | 29880 |
| 29881 | 29882 | 29883 | 29884 | 29885 | 29886 | 29887 | |

Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231

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| 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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 | | | | |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 | |
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Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

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| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | 42975 |
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Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622

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| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
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| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | 0781T | 0782T | | | | |

Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

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| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 | | | |
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Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197

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| 43198 | | | | | | | |
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Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200

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| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 43212 | 43213 |
| 43214 | 43215 | 43216 | 43217 | 43220 | 43226 | 43227 | 43229 |
| 43231 | 43232 | 0884T | | | | | |

Group 15: UGI Endoscopy Including Esophagus - Endo Base Procedure 43235

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| 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 | 43889 | 0813T | |

Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260

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| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |

Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360

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| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |

Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376

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| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
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Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380

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| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
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Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Base Procedure 44388

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| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

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| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22: Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

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| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | 0886T | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

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| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | 0885T | |

Group 24: Anoscopy – Endo Base Procedure 46000

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| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 |
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Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50551

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| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Nepthrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50570

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| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52284 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 |
| 52300 | 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 |
| 52325 | 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 |
| 52344 | 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | 52443 | 53865 | 0935T | 0941T |
| 0942T | 0943T | | | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

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| 52345 | 52346 | 52352 | 52353 | 52354 | 52355 | 52356 | 0991T |
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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
66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T
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POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

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| 8 / 2016 | Implementation |
| 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 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 45330 |
| 1 / 2025 | Added 53865, 0935T, 0941T, 0942T, 0943T to endo base 52000 |
| 1 / 2026 | Added 52443 to endo base 52000, 0991T to endo base 52351, 43889 to endo base 43235 |

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The purpose of this Reimbursement Policy is to document our payment guidelines for those services covered by a member's medical benefit plan. Reimbursement Policies do not provide guidance on whether a service is a covered benefit under the member's contract. Benefit determinations are based in all cases on the applicable benefit plan contract language and applicable medical policies. Should there be any conflicts between Reimbursement Policy and the member's benefit plan, the member's benefit plan will prevail. Additionally, health care providers (facilities, physicians, and other professionals) are expected to exercise independent medical judgment in providing care to members. Reimbursement Policy is not intended to impact care decisions or medical practice. This Reimbursement Policy is intended to serve as a guide as to how the plan pays for covered services, however, other factors may influence payment and, in some cases, may supersede this policy. The provider should consult their network provider agreement for further details of their contractual obligations.

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- 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%
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Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 | | | |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 | | | |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 | | |
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Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

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| 29871 | 29873 | 29874 | 29875 | 29876 | 29877 | 29879 | 29880 |
| 29881 | 29882 | 29883 | 29884 | 29885 | 29886 | 29887 | |

Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231

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| 31276 | 31287 | 31288 | 31290 | 31291 | 31292 | 31293 | 31294 |
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Group 07: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

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Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622

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| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | 0781T | 0782T | | | | |

Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

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Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197

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Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200

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| 43214 | 43215 | 43216 | 43217 | 43220 | 43226 | 43227 | 43229 |
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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 | 0813T | | |

Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260

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Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360

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| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
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Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376

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Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380

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Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Base Procedure 44388

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22: Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | 0886T | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | 0885T | |

Group 24: Anoscopy – Endo Base Procedure 46000

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
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Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50551

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Neptrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50570

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52284 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 |
| 52300 | 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 |
| 52325 | 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 |
| 52344 | 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | 53865 | 0935T | 0941T | 0942T |
| 0943T | | | | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 52345 | 52346 | 52352 | 52353 | 52354 | 52355 | 52356 | |
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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

57454 57455 57456 57460 57461

Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

0653T 0654T

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| 5 / 2024 | Added New York Medicare Advantage applicable to the policy |
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Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



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Applicable Commercial Market

PA WV DE NY

Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

PA WV DE NY

Applicable Claim Type

UB 1500

→ 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) 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

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%
- 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.

Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

| | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|

Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|

Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|

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: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 | | | | |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 | |
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Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | 42975 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | 0781T | 0782T | | | | |

Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|

Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197

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| 43198 | | | | | | | |
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Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 43212 | 43213 |
| 43214 | 43215 | 43216 | 43217 | 43220 | 43226 | 43227 | 43229 |
| 43231 | 43232 | 0884T | | | | | |

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 |
| 43266 | 43270 | 43290 | 43291 | 43497 | 0813T | | |

Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |

Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |

Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|

Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|

Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Base Procedure 44388

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22: Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | 0886T | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | 0885T | |

Group 24: Anoscopy – Endo Base Procedure 46000

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|

Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50551

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50570

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52284 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 |
| 52300 | 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 |
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Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 52345 | 52346 | 52352 | 52353 | 52354 | 52355 | 52356 | |
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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 57454 | 57455 | 57456 | 57460 | 57461 | | | |
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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

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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

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

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- 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

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)

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APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:

Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 |
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Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29871 | 29873 | 29874 | 29875 | 29876 | 29877 | 29879 | 29880 |
| 29881 | 29882 | 29883 | 29884 | 29885 | 29886 | 29887 | |

Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 |
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Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | 42975 |
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Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | 0781T | 0782T | | | | |

Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 | | | |
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Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197

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| 43198 | | | | | | | |
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Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 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 |
| 43266 | 43270 | 43290 | 43291 | 43497 | 0813T | | |

Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |

Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |

Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
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Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
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Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22: Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

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| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | | |

Group 24: Anoscopy – Endo Base Procedure 46000

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
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Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50551

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Neptrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50570

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52284 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 |
| 52300 | 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 |
| 52325 | 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 |
| 52344 | 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



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Applicable Commercial Market

PA WV DE NY

Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

PA WV DE NY

Applicable Claim Type

UB 1500 DE NY

→ 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) 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

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%
- 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:

Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 |
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Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29871 | 29873 | 29874 | 29875 | 29876 | 29877 | 29879 | 29880 |
| 29881 | 29882 | 29883 | 29884 | 29885 | 29886 | 29887 | |

Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 |
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Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | 42975 |
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Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | 0781T | 0782T | | | | |

Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

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| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 | | | |
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Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197

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| 43198 | | | | | | | |
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Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 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 |
| 43266 | 43270 | 43290 | 43291 | 43497 | 0813T | | |

Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |

Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |

Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
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Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
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Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22: Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | | |

Group 24: Anoscopy – Endo Base Procedure 46000

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
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Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50551

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| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Neptrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50570

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| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52284 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 |
| 52300 | 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 |
| 52325 | 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 |
| 52344 | 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

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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Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

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Applicable Claim Type

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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).

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

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%
- 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:

Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 |
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Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29871 | 29873 | 29874 | 29875 | 29876 | 29877 | 29879 | 29880 |
| 29881 | 29882 | 29883 | 29884 | 29885 | 29886 | 29887 | |

Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 |
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Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | 42975 |
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Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | 0781T | 0782T | | | | |

Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 | | | |
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Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197

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| 43198 | | | | | | | |
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Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 43212 | 43213 |
| 43214 | 43215 | 43216 | 43217 | 43220 | 43226 | 43227 | 43229 |
| 43231 | 43232 | | | | | | |

Group 15: UGI Endoscopy Including Esophagus - Endo Base Procedure 43235

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |

Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |

Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
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Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
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Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22: Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | | |

Group 24: Anoscopy – Endo Base Procedure 46000

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
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Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50551

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Neptrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50570

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52284 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 |
| 52300 | 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 |
| 52325 | 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 |
| 52344 | 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

0653T 0654T

POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

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| 8 / 2016 | Implementation |
| 1 / 2018 | Code 45330 added to base code 45350 and 38573 added to base code 49320. Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate endo base code 52000. |
| 1 / 2020 | Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 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 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 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 0813T to endo base 43235. Added 0781T and 0782T to endo base 31622. |

Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



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For the group that includes the base code

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- 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)

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Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805

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| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |



Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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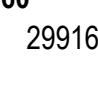
Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 |
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Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
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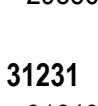
Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231

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| 31254 | 31255 | 31256 | 31257 | 31259 | 31267 | 31276 | 31287 |
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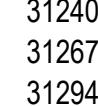
Group 07: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 | |
| Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575 | | | | | | | |
| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | 42975 |
| Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622 | | | | | | | |
| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | | | | | | |
| Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191 | | | | | | | |
| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 | | | |
| Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197 | | | | | | | |
| 43198 | | | | | | | |
| Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200 | | | | | | | |
| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 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 |
| 43266 | 43270 | 43290 | 43291 | 43497 | | | |
| Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260 | | | | | | | |
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |
| Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360 | | | | | | | |
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |
| Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376 | | | | | | | |
| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
| Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380 | | | | | | | |
| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
| Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388 | | | | | | | |
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
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Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

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| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22- Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | | |

Group 24: Anoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 46600

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
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Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure

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| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure

50570

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 | 52300 |
| 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 | 52325 |

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| 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 | 52344 |
| 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure

52351

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52345 | 52346 | 52352 | 52353 | 52354 | 52355 | 52356 |
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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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| 57454 | 57455 | 57456 | 57460 | 57461 |
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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 58558 | 58559 | 58560 | 58561 | 58562 | 58563 | 58565 |
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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 |
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Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



HISTORY VERSION

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Subject: Multiple Endoscopy Procedures

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Date Reviewed: December 2022

Source: Reimbursement Policy

Applicable Commercial Market

PA WV DE NY

Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

PA WV DE NY

Applicable Claim Type

UB 1500

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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

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%
- 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

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 | | |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 | | |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 | |
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Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29871 | 29873 | 29874 | 29875 | 29876 | 29877 | 29879 | 29880 |
| 29881 | 29882 | 29883 | 29884 | 29885 | 29886 | 29887 | |

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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 | | | | |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 | |
| Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575 | | | | | | | |
| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | 42975 |
| Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622 | | | | | | | |
| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | | | | | | |
| Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191 | | | | | | | |
| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 | | | |
| Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197 | | | | | | | |
| 43198 | | | | | | | |
| Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200 | | | | | | | |
| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 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 |
| 43266 | 43270 | 43290 | 43291 | 43497 | | | |
| Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260 | | | | | | | |
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |
| Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360 | | | | | | | |
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |
| Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376 | | | | | | | |
| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
| Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380 | | | | | | | |
| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
| Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388 | | | | | | | |
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22- Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | | |

Group 24: Anoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 46600

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
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Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure

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| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure

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| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 | 52300 |
| 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 | 52325 |

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| 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 | 52344 |
| 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure

52351

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| 52345 | 52346 | 52352 | 52353 | 52354 | 52355 | 52356 |
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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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| 57454 | 57455 | 57456 | 57460 | 57461 |
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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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| 58558 | 58559 | 58560 | 58561 | 58562 | 58563 | 58565 |
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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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| 0653T | 0654T |
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Applicable Commercial Market

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Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

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Applicable Claim Type

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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%

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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

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%
- 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

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 | |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 | |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 | |
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Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29871 | 29873 | 29874 | 29875 | 29876 | 29877 | 29879 | 29880 |
| 29881 | 29882 | 29883 | 29884 | 29885 | 29886 | 29887 | |

Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 | |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 | |
| Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575 | | | | | | | |
| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | 42975 |
| Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622 | | | | | | | |
| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | | | | | | |
| Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191 | | | | | | | |
| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 | | | |
| Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197 | | | | | | | |
| 43198 | | | | | | | |
| Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200 | | | | | | | |
| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 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 |
| 43266 | 43270 | 43497 | | | | | |
| Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260 | | | | | | | |
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |
| Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360 | | | | | | | |
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |
| Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376 | | | | | | | |
| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
| Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380 | | | | | | | |
| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
| Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388 | | | | | | | |
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22- Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | | |

Group 24: Anoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 46600

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
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Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50551 | | | | | | | |
| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |

Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 50570 | | | | | | | |
| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |

Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 | 52300 |
| 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 | 52325 |

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 | 52344 |
| 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure

52351

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52345 | 52346 | 52352 | 52353 | 52354 | 52355 | 52356 |
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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 57454 | 57455 | 57456 | 57460 | 57461 |
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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 58558 | 58559 | 58560 | 58561 | 58562 | 58563 | 58565 |
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Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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| 0653T | 0654T |
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POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

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| 8 / 2016 | Implementation |
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| 1 / 2020 | Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 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 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 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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Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



HISTORY VERSION

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End Date:

Issue Date: January 3, 2022

Revised Date: January 2022

Date Reviewed: October 2021

Source: Reimbursement Policy

Applicable Commercial Market

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| PA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | WV | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | DE | <input type="checkbox"/> | NY | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

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| PA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | WV | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | DE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NY | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Applicable Claim Type

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| UB | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1500 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
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→ 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) 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

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%
- 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

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

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: 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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 | |
| Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575 | | | | | | | |
| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | 42975 |
| Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622 | | | | | | | |
| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | | | | | | |
| Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191 | | | | | | | |
| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 | | | |
| Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197 | | | | | | | |
| 43198 | | | | | | | |
| Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200 | | | | | | | |
| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 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 |
| 43266 | 43270 | | | | | | |
| Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260 | | | | | | | |
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |
| Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360 | | | | | | | |
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |
| Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376 | | | | | | | |
| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
| Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380 | | | | | | | |
| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
| Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388 | | | | | | | |
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22- Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum – Endo Base Procedure 45378

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | | |

Group 24: Anoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 46600

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|

Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50551 | | | | | | | |
| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |

Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 50570 | | | | | | | |
| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |

Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 | 52300 |
| 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 | 52325 |

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 | 52344 |
| 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure

52351

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52345 | 52346 | 52352 | 52353 | 52354 | 52355 | 52356 |
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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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| 57454 | 57455 | 57456 | 57460 | 57461 |
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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 58558 | 58559 | 58560 | 58561 | 58562 | 58563 | 58565 |
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Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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| 0653T | 0654T |
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Applicable Commercial Market

PA WV DE NY

Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

PA WV DE NY

Applicable Claim Type

UB 1500

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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

- 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*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%
- 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

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 | | | |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 | | | |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 29861 | 29862 | 29863 | 29914 | 29915 | 29916 | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|

Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29871 | 29873 | 29874 | 29875 | 29876 | 29877 | 29879 | 29880 |
| 29881 | 29882 | 29883 | 29884 | 29885 | 29886 | 29887 | |

Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 | | | | |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 31531 | 31536 | 31541 | 31545 | 31546 | 31561 | 31571 | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|

Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 31572 | 31573 | 31574 | 31576 | 31577 | 31578 | 31579 | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|

Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | | | | | | |

Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

| | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43192 | 43193 | 43194 | 43195 | 43196 |
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Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197

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| 43198 |
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Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 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 |
| 43266 | 43270 | | | | | | |

Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | 43278 | | | | | | |

Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |

Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44377 | 44378 | 44379 | | | | | |
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Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 44381 | 44382 | 44384 | | | | | |
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Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44389 | 44390 | 44391 | 44392 | 44394 | 44401 | 44402 | 44403 |
| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |

Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22: Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum - Endo Base Procedure 45378

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | | |

Group 24: Anoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 46600

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
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Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50551

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Neptrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50570

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|

Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 | 52300 |
| 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 | 52325 |
| 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 | 52344 |
| 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 52345 | 52346 | 52352 | 52353 | 52354 | 52355 | 52356 | |
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Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 57454 | 57455 | 57456 | 57460 | 57461 | | | |
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Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

0653T 0654T

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HIST

Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



HISTORY VERSIONS

Bulletin Number: RP-006
Subject: Multiple Endoscopy Procedures
Effective Date: August 1, 2016
Issue Date: July 5, 2021
Date Reviewed: July 2021
Source: Reimbursement Policy

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Applicable Commercial Market

Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

Applicable Claim Type

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

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%
- 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

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29806 | 29807 | 29819 | 29820 | 29821 | 29822 | 29823 | 29824 |
| 29825 | 29827 | 29828 | | | | | |

Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29834 | 29835 | 29836 | 29837 | 29838 |
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Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 29843 | 29844 | 29845 | 29846 | 29847 |
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Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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: 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: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

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| 31510 | 31511 | 31512 | 31513 |
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Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

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| 31527 | 31528 | 31529 | 31530 | 31535 | 31540 | 31560 | 31570 |
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Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

31531 31536 31541 31545 31546 31561 31571

Group 10: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

31572 31573 31574 31576 31577 31578 31579

Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622

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| 31623 | 31624 | 31625 | 31628 | 31629 | 31630 | 31631 | 31634 |
| 31635 | 31636 | 31638 | 31640 | 31641 | 31645 | 31647 | 31648 |
| 31660 | 31661 | | | | | | |

Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

43192 43193 43194 43195 43196

Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197

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Group 14: Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200

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| 43201 | 43202 | 43204 | 43205 | 43206 | 43211 | 43212 | 43213 |
| 43214 | 43215 | 43216 | 43217 | 43220 | 43226 | 43227 | 43229 |
| 43231 | 43232 | | | | | | |

Group 15: UGI Endoscopy Including Esophagus - Endo Base Procedure 43235

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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 | | | | | | |

Group 16: Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography - Endo Base Procedure 43260

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 43261 | 43262 | 43263 | 43264 | 43265 | 43274 | 43275 | 43276 |
| 43277 | | 43278 | | | | | |

Group 17: Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 44361 | 44363 | 44364 | 44365 | 44366 | 44369 | 44370 | 44372 |
| 44373 | | | | | | | |

Group 18: Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ileum - Endo Base Procedure 44376

44377 44378 44379

Group 19: Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma – Endo Base Procedure 44380

44381 44382 44384

Group 20: Colonoscopy Through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388

44389 44390 44391 44392 44394 44401 44402 44403

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| 44404 | 44405 | 44406 | 44407 | 44408 | | | |
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Group 21: Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45303 | 45305 | 45307 | 45308 | 45309 | 45315 | 45317 | 45320 |
| 45321 | 45327 | | | | | | |

Group 22- Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45331 | 45332 | 45333 | 45334 | 45335 | 45337 | 45338 | 45340 |
| 45341 | 45342 | 45346 | 45347 | 45349 | 45350 | | |

Group 23: Colonoscopy through Rectum - Endo Base Procedure 45378

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 45379 | 45380 | 45381 | 45382 | 45384 | 45385 | 45386 | 45388 |
| 45389 | 45390 | 45391 | 45392 | 45393 | 45398 | | |

Group 24: Anoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 46600

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46601 | 46604 | 46606 | 46607 | 46608 | 46610 | 46611 | 46612 |
| 46614 | 46615 | | | | | | |

Group 25: Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 47553 | 47554 | 47555 | 47556 | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|

Group 26: Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 38570 | 38571 | 38572 | 38573 | 49321 | 49322 | 49323 | 49324 |
| 49325 | 58541 | 58550 | 58660 | 58661 | 58662 | 58670 | 58671 |
| 58672 | 58673 | | | | | | |

Group 27: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50551

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|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50555 | 50557 | 50561 | | | | | |
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Group 28: Renal Endoscopy via Nephrotomy/Pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50570

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 50572 | 50574 | 50575 | 50576 | 50580 | | | |
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Group 29: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 50953 | 50955 | 50957 | 50961 | | | | |
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Group 30: Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

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|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 50974 | 50976 | | | | | | |
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Group 31: Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 52001 | 52005 | 52007 | 52010 | 52204 | 52214 | 52224 | 52234 |
| 52235 | 52240 | 52250 | 52260 | 52265 | 52270 | 52275 | 52276 |
| 52277 | 52281 | 52282 | 52283 | 52285 | 52287 | 52290 | 52300 |
| 52301 | 52305 | 52310 | 52315 | 52317 | 52318 | 52320 | 52325 |
| 52327 | 52330 | 52332 | 52334 | 52341 | 52342 | 52343 | 52344 |
| 52400 | 52402 | 52441 | | | | | |

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

57454 57455 57456 57460 57461

Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

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