

Physician Self-Referral Law

Annual Update to the List of CPT/HCPCS Codes Effective January 1, 2025

I. Background

Section 1877 of the Social Security Act (the Act), also known as the physician self-referral law: (1) prohibits a physician from making referrals for certain designated health services payable by Medicare to an entity with which he or she (or an immediate family member) has a financial relationship, unless the requirements of an applicable exception are satisfied; and (2) prohibits the entity from filing claims with Medicare (or billing another individual, entity, or third party payer) for any improperly referred designated health services. The physician self-referral regulations are found at 42 CFR Part 411 Subpart J. In § 411.351, we specify that the entire scope of four categories of designated health services is defined in a list of CPT/HCPCS codes (the Code List), which is updated annually to account for changes in the most recent CPT and HCPCS Level II publications. The categories defined and updated in this manner are:

- Clinical laboratory services.
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and outpatient speech-language pathology services.
- Radiology and certain other imaging services.
- Radiation therapy services and supplies.

The Code List also identifies those items and services that may qualify for either of the following two exceptions to the physician self-referral prohibitions:

- EPO and other dialysis-related drugs (§ 411.355(g)).
- Preventive screening tests and vaccines (§ 411.355(h)).

Beginning with the January 1, 2023 Code List, we publish the Code List solely on the CMS website. (See the CY 2022 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rule for further information (86 FR 65356 through 65357)).

The definition of “designated health services” at § 411.351 excludes services for which payment is made by Medicare as part of a composite rate (unless the services are specifically included in the statutory or regulatory lists of items and services that are designated health services and are themselves payable through a composite rate, such as home health and inpatient and outpatient hospital services). Medicare makes payment for most end-stage renal disease (ESRD) services as part of a composite rate. ESRD-related oral-only drugs, which are drugs or biological products with no injectable functional equivalents or other forms of administration other than an oral form, were scheduled to be paid under the ESRD prospective payment system (ESRD PPS) beginning January 1, 2014 (75 FR 49044). However, there have been several delays of the implementation of payment of these drugs under the ESRD PPS. On December 19, 2014, section 204 of the Stephen Beck, Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 (ABLE) (Pub. L. 113–295) was enacted and delayed the inclusion of these oral-only drugs under the ESRD PPS until 2025. As of January 1, 2025, all ESRD-related oral-only drugs or biological

products furnished in or by an ESRD facility are included in the composite rate payment and, thus, are not designated health services (89 FR 89084).

COVID-19

The COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) ended May 11, 2023. The U.S. Government is no longer purchasing COVID-19 vaccines and the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program has ended. COVID-19 vaccines are now payable by Medicare and therefore are designated health services. On the CY 2025 Code List, COVID-19 vaccines remain eligible for the exception for preventive screening tests and vaccines at § 411.355(h). Note that the inclusion of CPT code 90749 on the Code List as eligible for this exception is not intended and should not be considered to direct or approve the use of CPT code 90749 for the identification and billing of any COVID-19 vaccine. To the extent that CMS pays for COVID-19 monoclonal antibody products for post-exposure prophylaxis or treatment of COVID-19 as “vaccines” under the Medicare Part B vaccine benefit in section 1861(s)(10) of the Act, the products are eligible for the exception for preventive screening tests and vaccines at § 411.355(h).

II. Instructions for Submitting Comments on CY 2025 Code List.

We will consider comments regarding the codes listed in the tables in section IV below. To submit a comment, go to www.regulations.gov and enter the docket number “CMS-2024-0301” in the search field. Select the “Comment” button and follow the instructions. To be considered, comments must be received on or before December 26, 2024. Comments will be made public, so submitters should not include any confidential or personal information. Please note that we will not consider any comment that advocates a substantive change to any of the designated health services defined in § 411.351.

III. Revisions Effective for CY 2025

The Code List effective January 1, 2025, is available on our website at https://www.cms.gov/medicare/fraud-and-abuse/physiciansselfreferral/list_of_codes. Additions and deletions to the Code List conform it to the most recent publications of CPT and HCPCS Level II and to changes in Medicare coverage policy and payment status. In the charts below, we identify the additions and deletions, respectively, that will be effective January 1, 2025. The charts below also include the additions and deletions to the list of codes used to identify the items and services that may qualify for the exceptions at § 411.355(g) (regarding dialysis-related outpatient prescription drugs furnished in or by an ESRD facility) and § 411.355(h) (regarding preventive screening tests and vaccines).

Additions to the Physician Self-Referral List of CPT¹/HCPCS Codes

CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES	
(INCLUDE codes for all clinical laboratory services in the 80000 series)	
BLOOD COMPONENT COLLECTION SERVICES IN THE 80000 SERIES THAT ARE EXCLUDED FROM CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES	
{No Additions}	
OTHER CODES NOT IN 80000 SERIES INCLUDED IN CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES	
0020M	Onc cns alys 30000 dna loci
0898T	N-invas prst8 cancer est map
0248U	Onc sphrd cell cul 12 rx pnl
0439U	Crd chd dna alys 5 snp 3 dna
0440U	Crd chd dna alys 10 snp 6dna
0441U	Nfct ds bet fngl/viral semiq
0442U	Nfct ds respir nfctj mxa&crp
0443U	Neurflmnt lt chn ultrasens ia
0444U	Onc sld orgn neo tgsap 361
0445U	Abeta42 & ptau181 eclia csf
0446U	Ai ds sle alys 10 cytokine
0447U	Ai ds sle alys 11 cytokine
0449U	Car scr sev inh cond 5 genes
0450U	Onc mm lc-ms/ms monoc p-prtn
0451U	Onc mm lc-ms/ms pep ion quan
0452U	Onc bldr mthyl penk lte-qmsp
0453U	Onc clret ca cfdna qpcr asy
0454U	Rare ds id opt genome mapg
0455U	Nfct agt sti mult amp prb ur
0457U	Pfas 9 cmpnd lcms/ms pls/sr
0458U	Onc brst ca s100 a8&a9 elisa
0459U	Abeta42 & ttau eclia csf
0460U	Onc whl bld/bucc rtPCR 24gen
0461U	Onc rxgenom alys rtPCR 24gen
0462U	Melatonin lvl tst slp std7/9
0463U	Onc crvx mrna genxprsn 14bmk
0464U	Onc clret scr qrtsa dna mrk
0465U	Onc urthl carc dna qmsp 2gen
0466U	Crd cad dna gwas 564856 snp
0467U	Onc bldr dna ngs 60gen&aneup
0468U	Hep nash mir34a5p a2m yk140

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0469U	Rare ds whl gen seq ftl samp
0470U	Onc orop detcj mrd 8 dna hpv
0471U	Onc clrc ca 35 vrn kras&nras
0472U	Ca vi psp&sp1 antib sjogren
0473U	Onc sld tum bld/slv 648 gene
0474U	Hered pan ca gsap 88gene ngs
0475U	Hered prst8 ca gsap 23 genes
0476U	Rx metab psyc 14gen&cyp2d6
0477U	Rx metab psy 14&cyp2d6 gn-rx
0478U	Onc nsclc dna&rna dpcr 9gens
0479U	Tau phosphorylated ptau217
0480U	Nfct ds csf metag ngs alys
0481U	Idh1 idh2&tert promoter ngs
0482U	Ob pe biochem asy sflt1&plgf
0483U	Nfct ds ng gyra s91f pt mut
0484U	Nfct ds mgen 23s rna pt mut
0485U	Onc sol tum cfdna&rna ngs gm
0486U	Onc pan sol tum ngs cfcdna
0487U	Onc sol tum cfcdna tgsap 84
0488U	Ob fetal ag nipt cfdna alys
0489U	Ob sgnipt cfdna seq alys 1+
0490U	Onc cutan/uveal mlnma cd146
0491U	Onc sol tum ctc slct er prtn
0492U	Onc sol tum ctc slctn pd-11
0493U	Trnspl med quan dd-cfdna ngs
0494U	Rbc ag ftl rhd gene alys ngs
0495U	Onc prst8 alys crcg plsm prt
0496U	Onc clrc cfdna 8/7 genes
0497U	Onc prst8 mrna rt-pcr 6genes
0498U	Onc clrc ngs mut detc 43gen
0499U	Onc clrc&lng dna ngs 8genes
0500U	Autoinflam ds vexas synd dna
0501U	Onc clrc bld quan meas cfdna
0502U	Hpv e6/e7 mrk hirsk typ crv
0503U	Neuro alz ds β amyl&tau prtn
0504U	Nfct ds uti id 17 path orgs
0505U	Nfct ds vag infctj id 32orgs
0506U	Gi barretts esophgl cell 89
0507U	Onc ovr dna whole gen w/5hmc
0508U	Trnsplj med ddcfdna 40 snps
0509U	Trnsplj med ddcfdna<12 snps
0510U	Onc pncrtc ca alg alys 16gen
0511U	Onc sol tum 3dmicroenvir 36+

0512U	Onc prst8 alys dgtz img msi
0513U	Onc prst8 alg alys msi&hrd
0514U	Gi ibd ia quan deter adl lvl
0515U	Gi ibd ia quan deter ifx lvl
0516U	Rx metab rxgenomic gnotyp 40
0517U	Ther rx mntr 80+ psyactiv rx
0518U	Ther rx mntr 90+ pn&mtl hlth
0519U	Ther rx mntr meds p/d/a 110+
0520U	Ther rx mntr 200+ rx/sbsts
0521U	Rf iga&igm ccp antib sr-a ia
0522U	Ca vi psp&sp1 antib cl semiql
0523U	Onc soltum dna ngs snv 22gen
0524U	Ob pe sflt-1/plgf ia srm/pls
0525U	Onc sphrd cell cul 11-rx pnl
0526U	Nefro rnl trnspl quan excl10
0527U	Hsv 1&2 vzv amp prb tq pthgn
0528U	Lrt iad 18bct/8vir&7arg rna
0529U	Hem vte snp f2&f5 gen leiden
0530U	Onc pan-sol tum ctdna 77 gen
G0327	Colon ca scrn;bld-bsd bimrk
G0499	HepB screen high risk indiv
PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND OUTPATIENT SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES	
G0541	No pt prsnt train initial 30
G0542	No pt prsnt train add 15
G0543	Group train w/o patient
RADIOLOGY AND CERTAIN OTHER IMAGING SERVICES	
0877T	Augmnt alys ch ct ild w/o ct
0878T	Augmnt alys ch ct ild w/ct
0879T	Augmnt alys ch ct ild prep
0880T	Augmnt alys ch ct ild i&r
0889T	Prsnlz trgt dvl arhfcmrigtbs
0898T	N-invas prst8 cancer est map
0899T	N-invas deter aqmbf aug cmr
0900T	N-invas est aqmbf asstv cmr
0932T	N-invs det hrt fail aug echo
0944T	3d cntr simula trgt lvr les
0946T	Ortho impl mvmt alys pair ct
74263	Ct colonography screening
75580	N-invas est c ffr sw aly cta
92137	Cptrz oph img pst sg rta oct
93893	Tcd std icr art ven-art shnt

93896	Vsrctv std ted icr art compl
93897	Emboli detcj wo iv mbubb njx
93898	Ven-artl shunt det mbubb njx
A9506	Tc-99m graphite crucible
A9610	Xe129 xenon, diagnostic
C8001	3D anat seg imaging preop
RADIATION THERAPY SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	
0947T	Mrgfus strtetc bl-br disrjp
51020	Cystotomy/cystostomy w/fulg [only when cystotomy/cystostomy includes insertion of radioactive material]
61715	Mrgfus strtetc ablt trgt icr
G0562	Complex simulation w/pet-ct
G0563	Sbrt w/positron emission del
DRUGS USED BY PATIENTS UNDERGOING DIALYSIS	
{No Additions}	
PREVENTIVE SCREENING TESTS AND VACCINES	
74263	Ct colonography screening
90637	Vacc qirv mrna 30mcg/.5ml im
90638	Vacc qirv mrna 60mcg/.5ml im
90684	Pcv21 vaccine im
90695	H5n8 vacc drv cll cul adj im
Q0224	Inj, pemivibart, 4500 mg

Deletions from the Physician Self-Referral List of CPT²/HCPCS Codes

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BLOOD COMPONENT COLLECTION SERVICES IN THE 80000 SERIES THAT ARE EXCLUDED FROM CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES	
{No Deletions}	
OTHER CODES NOT IN 80000 SERIES INCLUDED IN CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES	
0204U	Onc thyr mrna xprsn alys 593
0346U	Beta amyl ab40&ab42 lc-ms/ms
0352U	Nfct ds bv&vaginitis amp prb
0353U	Iadna chlmyd&gonorr amp prb
0354U	Hpv hi rsk qual mrna e6/e7

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0380U	Rx metb advrs trgt sq aly 20
0396U	Ob preimpltj tst 300000 dna
0416U	Iadna gu pthgn 20bct&fng org
0428U	Onc brst ctdna alys 56/> gen
PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND OUTPATIENT SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES	
96003	Dynamic fine wire emg
RADIOLOGY AND CERTAIN OTHER IMAGING SERVICES	
93890	Tcd vasoreactivity study
C9150	Xe129 xenon, diagnostic
C9734	U/s trtmt, not leiomyomata
C9786	Echo cad for hf preserved ef
RADIATION THERAPY SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	
64625	Rf abltj nrv nrvtg si jt
C9794	Complex simulation w/pet-ct
C9795	Sbrt w/positron emission del
DRUGS USED BY PATIENTS UNDERGOING DIALYSIS	
{No Deletions}	
PREVENTIVE SCREENING TESTS AND VACCINES	
90630	Flu vacc iiv4 no preserv id
90654	Flu vacc iiv3 no preserv id
91302	Sarscov2 vac 5x10 ¹⁰ vp/.5mlim
91310	Sarscov2 vac 5mcg/0.5ml as03
G0106	Colon CA screen;barium enema
G0120	Colon ca scrn; barium enema