

Computed Tomographic Imaging Procedure Codes Requiring Prior Authorization

Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Procedure Codes for Downcoding*
70450	Computed tomography, head or brain; without contrast material	N/A
70460	with contrast material(s)	70450
70470	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	70450, 70460
70480	Computed tomography, orbit, sella, or posterior fossa or outer, middle, or inner ear; without contrast material	N/A
70481	with contrast material(s)	70480
70482	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	70480, 70481
70486	Computed tomography, maxillofacial area; without contrast material	N/A
70487	with contrast material(s)	70486
70488	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	70486, 70487
70490	Computed tomography, soft tissue neck; without contrast material	N/A
70491	with contrast material(s)	70490
70492	without contrast material followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	70490, 70491
70496	Computed tomographic angiography, head, with contrast material(s), including noncontrast images, if performed, and image postprocessing	N/A
70498	Computed tomographic angiography, neck, with contrast material(s), including noncontrast images, if performed, and image postprocessing	N/A
71250	Computed tomography, thorax; without contrast material	N/A
71260	with contrast material(s)	71250
71270	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	71250, 71260

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Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Procedure Codes for Downcoding*
71275	Computed tomographic angiography, chest (noncoronary), with contrast material(s), including noncontrast images, if performed, and image postprocessing	N/A
72125	Computed tomography, cervical spine; without contrast material	N/A
72126	with contrast material	72125
72127	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	72125, 72126
72128	Computed tomography, thoracic spine; without contrast material	N/A
72129	with contrast material	72128
72130	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	72128, 72129
72131	Computed tomography, lumbar spine; without contrast material	N/A
72132	with contrast material	72131
72133	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	72131, 72132
72191	Computed tomographic angiography, pelvis, with contrast material(s), including noncontrast images, if performed, and image postprocessing	N/A
72192	Computed tomography, pelvis; without contrast material	N/A
72193	with contrast material(s)	72192
72194	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	72192, 72193
73200	Computed tomography, upper extremity; without contrast material	N/A
73201	with contrast material(s)	73200
73202	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	73200, 73201
73206	Computed tomographic angiography, upper extremity, with contrast material(s), including noncontrast images, if performed, and image postprocessing	N/A
73700	Computed tomography, lower extremity; without contrast material	N/A
73701	with contrast material(s)	73700
73702	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	73700, 73701
73706	Computed tomographic angiography, lower extremity, with contrast material(s), including noncontrast images, if performed, and image postprocessing	N/A

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Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Procedure Codes for Downcoding*
74150	Computed tomography, abdomen; without contrast material	N/A
74160	with contrast material(s)	74150
74170	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections	74150, 74160
74175	Computed tomographic angiography, abdomen, with contrast material(s), including noncontrast images, if performed, and image postprocessing	N/A
74176	Computed tomography, abdomen and pelvis; without contrast material	N/A
74177	with contrast material(s)	N/A
74178	without contrast material in one or both body regions, followed by contrast material(s) and further sections in one or both body regions	N/A
74261	Computed tomographic (CT) colonography, diagnostic, including image postprocessing; without contrast material	N/A
74262	with contrast material(s) including non-contrast images, if performed	74261
74263	Computed tomographic (CT) colonography, screening, including image postprocessing	N/A
75571	Computed tomography, heart, without contrast material, with quantitative evaluation of coronary calcium	N/A
75572	Computed tomography, heart, with contrast material, for evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology (including 3D image postprocessing, assessment of cardiac function, and evaluation of venous structures, if performed)	N/A
75573	Computed tomography, heart, with contrast material, for evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology in the setting of congenital heart disease (including 3D image postprocessing, assessment of LV cardiac function, RV structure and function and evaluation of venous structures, if performed)	N/A
75574	Computed tomographic angiography, heart, coronary arteries and bypass grafts (when present), with contrast material, including 3D image post processing (including evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology, assessment of cardiac function, and evaluation of venous structures, if performed)	N/A
75635	Computed tomographic angiography, abdominal aorta and bilateral iliofemoral lower extremity runoff, with contrast material(s), including noncontrast images, if performed, and image postprocessing	N/A

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Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Procedure Codes for Downcoding*
76376	3D rendering with interpretation and reporting of computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, or other tomographic modality; not requiring image postprocessing on an independent workstation	N/A
76377	requiring image postprocessing on an independent workstation	N/A
76380	Computed tomography, limited or localized follow-up study	N/A
76497	Unlisted computed tomography procedure (eg, diagnostic, interventional)	N/A
77078	Computed tomography, bone mineral density study, 1 or more sites; axial skeleton (eg, hips, pelvis, spine)	N/A
77079	appendicular skeleton (peripheral) (eg, radius, wrist, heel)	N/A
S8092	Electron beam computed tomography (also known as ultrafast CT, cine CT)	N/A

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Magnetic Resonance Imaging Procedure Codes Requiring Prior Authorization		
Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Procedure Codes for Downcoding*
70336	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, temporomandibular joint(s)	N/A
70540	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, orbit, face, and/or neck; without contrast material(s)	N/A
70542	with contrast material(s)	70540
70543	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	70540, 70542
70544	Magnetic resonance angiography, head; without contrast material(s)	N/A
70545	with contrast material(s)	70544
70546	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	70544, 70545
70547	Magnetic resonance angiography, neck; without contrast material(s)	N/A
70548	with contrast material(s)	70547
70549	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	70547, 70548
70551	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, brain (including brain stem); without contrast material	N/A
70552	with contrast material(s)	70551
70553	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	70551, 70552

Magnetic Resonance Imaging Procedure Codes Requiring Prior Authorization (Continued)		
Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Procedure Codes for Downcoding*
70554	Magnetic resonance imaging, brain, functional MRI; including test selection and administration of repetitive body part movement and/or visual stimulation, not requiring physician or psychologist administration	N/A
70555	requiring physician or psychologist administration of entire neurofunctional testing	N/A
71550	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, chest (eg, for evaluation of hilar and mediastinal lymphadenopathy); without contrast material(s)	N/A
71551	with contrast material(s)	71550
71552	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	71550, 71551
71555	Magnetic resonance angiography, chest (excluding myocardium), with or without contrast material(s)	N/A
72141	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, cervical; without contrast material	N/A
72142	with contrast material(s)	72141
72146	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, thoracic; without contrast material	N/A
72147	with contrast material(s)	72146
72148	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, lumbar; without contrast material	N/A
72149	with contrast material(s)	72148
72156	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences; cervical	72141, 72142
72157	thoracic	72146, 72147
72158	lumbar	72148, 72149
72159	Magnetic resonance angiography, spinal canal and contents, with or without contrast material(s)	N/A
72195	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, pelvis; without contrast material(s)	N/A
72196	with contrast material(s)	72195
72197	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	72195, 72196
72198	Magnetic resonance angiography, pelvis, with or without contrast material(s)	N/A

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Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Procedure Codes for Downcoding*
73218	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, upper extremity, other than joint; without contrast material(s)	N/A
73219	with contrast material(s)	73218
73220	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	73218, 73219
73221	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, any joint of upper extremity; without contrast material(s)	N/A
73222	with contrast material(s)	73221
73223	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	73221, 73222
73225	Magnetic resonance angiography, upper extremity, with or without contrast material(s)	N/A
73718	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, lower extremity other than joint; without contrast material(s)	N/A
73719	with contrast material(s)	73718
73720	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	73718, 73719
73721	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, any joint of lower extremity; without contrast material	N/A
73722	with contrast material(s)	73721
73723	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences	73721, 73722
73725	Magnetic resonance angiography, lower extremity, with or without contrast material(s)	N/A
74181	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, abdomen; without contrast material(s)	N/A
74182	with contrast material(s)	74181
74183	without contrast material(s), followed by with contrast material(s) and further sequences	74181, 74182
74185	Magnetic resonance angiography, abdomen, with or without contrast material(s)	N/A
75557	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for morphology and function without contrast material;	N/A
75559	with stress imaging	75557
75561	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for morphology and function without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences;	75557

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Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Procedure Codes for Downcoding*
75563	with stress imaging	75557, 75559, 75561
75565	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for velocity flow mapping (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	N/A
76376	3D rendering with interpretation and reporting of computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, or other tomographic modality; not requiring image postprocessing on an independent workstation	N/A
76377	requiring image postprocessing on an independent workstation	N/A
76390	Magnetic resonance spectroscopy	N/A
76498	Unlisted magnetic resonance procedure (eg, diagnostic, interventional)	N/A
77058	Magnetic resonance imaging, breast, without and/or with contrast material(s); unilateral	N/A
77059	bilateral	N/A
77084	Magnetic resonance (eg, proton) imaging, bone marrow blood supply	N/A
S8035	Magnetic source imaging	N/A
S8037	Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography (MRCP)	N/A

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Positron Emission Tomographic Imaging Procedure Codes Requiring Prior Authorization		
Procedure Code	Description	Allowable Procedure Codes for Downcoding*
78459	Myocardial imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), metabolic evaluation	N/A
78491	Myocardial imaging, positron emission tomography (PET), perfusion; single study at rest or stress	N/A
78492	multiple studies at rest and/or stress	78491
78608	Brain imaging, positron emission tomography (PET); metabolic evaluation	N/A
78609	perfusion evaluation	N/A
78811	Positron emission tomography (PET) imaging; limited area (eg, chest, head/neck)	N/A
78812	skull base to mid-thigh	N/A
78813	whole body	N/A
78814	Positron emission tomography (PET) with concurrently acquired computed tomography (CT) for attenuation correction and anatomical localization imaging; limited area (eg, chest, head/neck)	N/A
78815	skull base to mid-thigh	N/A
78816	whole body	N/A

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