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CPT[®] +76937 NCCI Policy Manual Update

The 2024 NCCI policy manual includes an update to section *H. General Policy Statements* which adds CPT[®] code +76937 to a list of codes that should not be reported separately with Radiological supervision and interpretation codes. In full, the NCCI policy statement reads,

“Radiological supervision and interpretation codes include all radiological services necessary to complete the service. CPT codes for fluoroscopy/fluoroscopic guidance (e.g. 76000, 77002, 77003) or other ultrasound/ultrasound guidance (e.g. 76942, 76998, **76937**) shall not be reported separately.”

CPT[®] code +76937 is an add-on code that is typically reported for Interventional Radiology procedures when ultrasound guidance is used for vascular access. The 2024 CPT[®] manual instructs the use of +76937 with numerous Interventional Radiology combination codes from the 30000 series which include radiological S&I.

The Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) advocated to dispute this update and received the following response from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the NCCI program.

“CMS evaluated SIR’s comments and the information provided to them and decided to remove 76937 from the listed examples in Chapter IX. CMS considers all feedback received and updates the NCCI Policy Manual once per year. While the reversion will not be in print until the 2025 NCCI Policy Manual, it has been acknowledged and should not affect policy or coding decisions going forward.”

There are no new or proposed new NCCI edits with 76937. 76937 is a Type 2 add-on code with primary codes determined by MACs. Questions regarding specific claims or contractor-defined primary codes should be addressed to your claims processing contractor (e.g., your Part A or B MAC or state Medicaid Agency).”

The SIR release can be read in full at the following link

https://www.sirweb.org/contentassets/30dd3e012a314a73b525894475669724/sir_ultrasound-guidance-for-vascular-access-76937_-2024-nci-policy-manual_02082024.pdf

CMS subsequently revised the NCCI Policy Manual to remove “76937” from section H. on February 14, 2024.

The CMS revision can be read at the following link

<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/f62dd6a9/YlgpsxTN7hGzmZXF0C6LPw?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ffiles%2Fdocument%2Fmedicare-ncci-policy-manual-2024-chapter-9.pdf>.