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Non-invasive vascular studies utilize ultrasonic Doppler and physiologic principles to assess irregularities in blood flow in arterial and venous systems. The display may be a two dimensional image with spectral analysis and color flow or a plethysmographic recording. For the purposes of this policy, non-invasive vascular studies include duplex scans, physiologic studies and plethysmography.

Definitions:

**Duplex scan**: An ultrasonic scanning procedure with display of both two-dimensional structure and motion with time and Doppler ultrasonic signal documentation with spectrum analysis and/or color flow velocity mapping or imaging.

**Physiologic studies**: Functional measurement procedures that include Doppler ultrasound studies, blood pressure measurements, transcutaneous oxygen tension measurement, or plethysmography.

**Plethysmography**: Plethysmography involves the measurement and recording (by one of several methods) of changes in the size of a body part as modified by the circulation of blood in that part. Plethysmography is of value...
as a noninvasive technique for diagnostic, preoperative and postoperative evaluation of peripheral artery disease in the internal medicine or vascular surgery practice. It is also a useful tool for the preoperative podiatric evaluation of the diabetic patient or one who has intermittent claudication or other signs or symptoms indicative of peripheral vascular disease which have a bearing on the patient's candidacy for foot surgery. (CMS Publication 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Decisions Manual, Chapter 1, Section 20.14)

Transcranial Doppler: Pulsed Doppler ultrasound is used to interrogate the intracranial vasculature of the Circle of Willis. Its value has been established in detecting severe stenosis in the major intracranial arteries, assessing patterns and extent of collateral circulation in patients with known regions of severe stenosis or occlusion and evaluating and following patients with vasoconstriction particularly after subarachnoid hemorrhage.

This local coverage determination specifies NGS policy for non-invasive vascular study testing.

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS:

General Indications:

Non-invasive vascular studies are considered medically necessary if the ordering physician has reasonable expectation that their outcomes will potentially impact the clinical management of the patient. Services are deemed medically necessary when the following conditions are met:

- Significant signs/symptoms of arterial or venous disease are present;
- The information is necessary for appropriate medical and/or surgical management; and/or
- The test is not redundant of other diagnostic procedures that must be performed.

In general, non-invasive studies of the arterial system are utilized when invasive correction is contemplated. It is the responsibility of the physician/provider to ensure the medical necessity of procedures and documentation of such in the medical record.

Credentialing and Accreditation Standards

The accuracy of non-invasive vascular diagnostic studies depends on the knowledge, skill, and experience of the technologist and interpreter. Consequently, the physician performing and/or interpreting the study must be capable of demonstrating documented training and experience and maintain any applicable documentation. A vascular diagnostic study may be personally performed by a physician or a technologist.

The GAO Report to Congressional Committees entitled Medicare Ultrasound Procedures. Consideration of Payment Reforms and Technician Qualifications Requirements states that "Findings from several peer-reviewed studies, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, and ultrasound-related professional organizations support requiring that sonographers either have credentials or operate in facilities that are accredited, where specific quality standards apply. In some localities and practice settings, CMS or its contractors have required that sonographers either be credentialed or work in an accredited facility." (GAO-07-734)

The following requirements will be in effect for Part B providers in New York state (except Queens county) November 15, 2008. For other areas under National Government Services jurisdiction the requirements will be effective for all providers November 15, 2010, with the exception of Illinois (Part B providers), Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin (Part B providers). For these states the requirement will take effect January 1, 2015.

- All non-invasive vascular diagnostic studies must be performed under at least one of the following settings: (1) performed by a physician who is competent in diagnostic vascular studies or under the general supervision of physicians who have demonstrated minimum entry level competency by being credentialed in vascular technology, or (2) performed by a technician who is certified in vascular technology, or (3) performed in facilities with laboratories accredited in vascular technology.

- Examples of appropriate personnel certification include, but are not limited to the Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation (RPVI), Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT), the Registered Cardiovascular Technologist (RCVT), Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS), and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) credentials in vascular technology. Appropriate laboratory accreditation includes the American College of Radiology (ACR) Vascular Ultrasound Program, and the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL).
Additionally, transcutaneous oxygen tension measurements may be performed by individuals possessing the following credentials obtained from appropriate credentialing bodies, such as, but not limited to, the National Board of Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Technology (NBDHMT): Certified Hyperbaric Technologist (CHT), or Certified Hyperbaric Registered Nurse (CHRN).

**Please Note:** 42 CFR Section 410.33, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, includes credentialing requirements that supersede those above:

*The supervising physician must evidence proficiency in the performance and interpretation of each type of diagnostic procedure performed by the IDTF. The proficiency may be documented by certification in specific medical specialties or subspecialties or by criteria established by the carrier for the service area in which the IDTF is located. See 42 CFR Section 410-33 (2) (b).*

*Nonphysician personnel. Any nonphysician personnel used by the IDTF to perform tests must demonstrate the basic qualifications to perform the tests in question and have training and proficiency as evidenced by licensure or certification by the appropriate State health or education department. In the absence of a State licensing board, the technician must be certified by an appropriate national credentialing body. The IDTF must maintain documentation available for review that these requirements are met. See 42 CFR Section 410-33 (2)(c).*

**General Limitations:**

A referral must be on record for each non-invasive study performed. A referral for one type of study does not qualify as a referral for all tests.

Non-invasive vascular studies are considered medically necessary only if the outcome will potentially impact the clinical course of the patient. For example, if a patient is (or is not) proceeding on to other diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedures regardless of the outcome of non-invasive studies, and non-invasive vascular procedures will not provide any unique diagnostic information that would impact patient management, then the non-invasive procedures are not medically necessary. If it is obvious from the findings of the history and physical examination that the patient is going to proceed to angiography, then non-invasive vascular studies are not medically necessary.

Non-invasive vascular studies include patient care required to perform the studies, supervision of the studies, and interpretation of study results with hard copy output or imaging. Digital storage of imaging is acceptable.

The use of any Doppler device that produces a record that does not permit analysis of bidirectional vascular flow or that does not provide a hard copy printout is part of the physical exam of the vascular system and is not reported separately. ([CPT Expert, 2004, 4th Edition](#))

The performance of simultaneous arterial and venous studies during the same encounter should be rare. Documentation should be available to support the medical necessity for both studies.

It is rarely necessary to perform cerebrovascular and upper extremity studies on the same day. Documentation supporting the need for both studies should be available for review.

Medicare does not pay for routine screening tests. ICD-9-CM diagnosis code V82.9 (Special screening of other conditions, unspecified condition) should be used to indicate screening tests performed in the absence of a specific sign, symptom, or complaint. Use of ICD-9-CM code V82.9 will result in the denial of claims as non-covered screening services.

**I. Cerebrovascular Arterial Studies**

**Extracranial Arterial Studies (93880-93882)**

**Covered** cerebrovascular arterial study testing methods include (real-time) duplex scans; and Doppler ultrasound waveform with spectral analysis.

**Non-covered/non-reimbursed methods** include testing methods that have not been found to be useful based on authoritative technological assessments or that are included as part of the physical examination.

**Indications:**

Cerebrovascular arterial studies may be considered medically necessary if one or more of the following signs and symptoms are present:
Asymptomatic or symptomatic cervical bruits;
Amaurosis fugax;
Focal cerebral or ocular transient ischemic attacks (including but not limited to):
  - localizing symptoms, e.g., sensory loss; and/or
  - weakness of one side of the face; and/or
  - slurred speech; and/or
  - weakness of a limb;
Syncope that is strongly suggestive of vertebrobasilar or bilateral carotid artery disease in etiology, as suggested by medical history;
Recent history of a previous neurologic or cerebrovascular event;
Before major cardiac and vascular surgery when a bruit is noted or there is a history of previous neurologic or cerebrovascular event;
After carotid endarterectomy (outside the global period), or follow-up of previously documented stenoses;
Pulsatile neck mass;
Evaluation of blunt or penetrating neck trauma;
Ocular microembolism (optic nerve/retinal arterial-Hollenhorst plaques/ocular);
Drop attack or syncope are rare indications usually seen with vertebrobasilar or bilateral carotid artery disease.
Dizziness is not a typical indication unless associated with other localizing signs or symptoms. However, episodic dizziness with symptom characteristics typical of transient ischemic attacks may indicate medical necessity, especially when other more common sources, e.g., postural hypotension or transiently decreased cardiac output as demonstrated by cardiac event monitoring, have been previously excluded; and/or
Headaches (including migraines).

Limitations: Studies may **not** be considered medically necessary if performed for the following signs and symptoms:

- Drop attack or syncope are rare indications usually seen with vertebrobasilar or bilateral carotid artery disease.
- Dizziness is not a typical indication unless associated with other localizing signs or symptoms. However, episodic dizziness with symptom characteristics typical of transient ischemic attacks may indicate medical necessity, especially when other more common sources, e.g., postural hypotension or transiently decreased cardiac output as demonstrated by cardiac event monitoring, have been previously excluded; and/or
- Headaches (including migraines).

**Transcranial Doppler (TCD) Studies (93886 – 93893)**

Transcranial Doppler (TCD) studies of the intracranial arteries and transcranial duplex imaging of extracranial arteries are approved methods of testing. The presence, location, and extent of disease can be evaluated by utilizing directional pulsed Doppler to estimate flow velocities and assess intracranial vessel hemodynamics and physiology.

**Indications:**

TCD studies are **allowed** for the following:

- Detection and evaluation of the hemodynamic effects of severe stenosis or occlusion of the extracranial (greater than or equal to 60% diameter reduction) and major basal intracranial arteries (greater than or equal to 50% diameter reduction);
- Detection and serial evaluation of cerebral vasospasm complicating subarachnoid hemorrhage;
- Evaluation of intracranial hemodynamic abnormalities in patients with suspected brain death;
- Intraoperative and perioperative monitoring of intracranial flow velocity and hemodynamic patterns during carotid endarterectomy, (although the professional component could only be reimbursed if it is provided during the operative procedure by a physician that is not a member of the operating team);
- Evaluation of cerebral embolization; and/or
- Assessing hemodynamic effects, patterns, and extent of collateral circulation in patients with known regions of severe stenosis or occlusion when necessary to care for the patient; and
- Assessing stroke risk in children aged two to sixteen with homozygous sickle cell disease; and
- As an alternative to an echocardiogram to detect residual right to left shunting after repair/closure of an intracardiac or intrapulmonary shunt.

Multiple cerebrovascular procedures may be allowed during the same encounter given the physician/provider can demonstrate medical necessity as documented in the patient’s medical record. For example, physiologic studies and a duplex scan are allowed on the same date of service given the provider is able to document medical necessity, e.g., greater than or equal to 50% stenosis on duplex scan or significant symptoms as demonstrated by the indications for the study.
Limitations:

TCD studies are **not** indicated for:

- Evaluation of brain tumors;
- Assessment of familial and degenerative disease of the cerebrum, brainstem, cerebellum, basal ganglia and motor neurons;
- Evaluation of infectious and inflammatory conditions;
- Psychiatric disorders; and/or
- Epilepsy.

Transcranial Doppler (TCD) is considered investigational and not medically necessary for the following indications:

- Assessing patients with migraine;
- Monitoring during cardiopulmonary bypass and other cerebrovascular and cardiovascular interventions, and surgical procedures (except during carotid endarterectomy, as noted above);
- Evaluation of patients with dilated vasculopathies such as fusiform aneurysms;
- Assessing autoregulation, physiologic, and pharmacological responses of cerebral arteries; and/or
- Evaluating children with various vasculopathies, such as moyamoya disease and neurofibromatosis.

**II. Peripheral Arterial Examinations (93922 - 93931)**

Covered peripheral arterial study testing methods include duplex scans; Doppler waveform or spectral analysis; volume, impedance or strain gauge plethysmography; and transcutaneous oxygen tension measurement.

Non-covered peripheral arterial study testing methods include thermography, mechanical oscillometry, inductance or capacitance plethysmography, photoelectric plethysmography, differential plethysmography, and light reflective rheography.

Indications:

Non-invasive peripheral arterial examinations, performed to establish the level and/or degree of arterial occlusive disease, are medically necessary if (1) significant signs and/or symptoms of possible limb ischemia are present **and** (2) the patient is a candidate for invasive/surgical therapeutic interventions. Acute ischemia is characterized by the sudden onset of severe pain, coldness, numbness and pallor of the extremity. Chronic ischemia can be manifested by intermittent claudication, pain at rest, diminished pulse, ulceration, and gangrene.

A routine history and physical examination, which includes ankle/brachial indices (ABIs), can readily document the presence or absence of ischemic disease in the majority of cases. It is not medically necessary to proceed beyond the physical examination for minor signs and symptoms such as hair loss, absence of a single pulse, relative coolness of a foot, shiny thin skin, or lack of toe nail growth unless related signs and/or symptoms are present which are severe enough to require possible invasive intervention.

An ABI is not a reimbursable procedure by itself; rather, ABI may be reimbursed when derived from a more comprehensive procedure which includes a permanent chart copy of the measured pressures and waveforms in the examined vessels. An ABI should be abnormal, e.g., <0.9 at rest, **and** must be accompanied by another appropriate indication before proceeding to more sophisticated or complete studies, **except** in patients with severe diabetes or uremia resulting in medial calcification as demonstrated by artifactually elevated ankle blood pressure.

Peripheral artery studies may be considered **medically necessary** if the following signs and symptoms are present:

- Claudication of such severity that it interferes significantly with the patient’s occupation or lifestyle, or claudication with inability to stress the patient;
- Rest pain (typically including the forefoot), usually associated with absent pulses, which becomes increasingly severe with elevation and diminishes with placement of the leg in a dependent position;
- Tissue loss defined as gangrene or pre-gangrenous changes of the extremity, or ischemic ulceration of the extremity occurring in the absence of pulses;
- Aneurysmal disease;
- Evidence of thromboembolic events.

• Blunt or penetrating trauma (including complications of diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedures); and/or
• Follow-up of grafts or other vascular intervention

Pre-surgical conduit assessment of the upper extremity/radial artery(ies) may be performed prior to use in coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) or as other arterial conduits.

Limitations:
Peripheral artery studies may not be considered medically necessary if only the following signs and symptoms are present:

• Continuous burning of the feet (considered to be a neurologic symptom);
• Leg pain, nonspecific (729.5) and pain in limb (729.5) as single diagnoses are too general to warrant further investigation unless they can be related to other signs and symptoms;
• Edema rarely occurs with arterial occlusive disease unless it is in the immediate postoperative period, in association with another inflammatory process or in association with rest pain; and/or
• Absence of pulses in minor arteries, e.g., dorsalis pedis or posterior tibial, in the absence of symptoms. The absence of pulses is not an indication to proceed beyond the physical examination unless it is related to other signs and/or symptoms.

Duplex scanning and physiologic studies may be reimbursed during the same encounter if the physiologic studies are abnormal and/or to evaluate vascular trauma, thromboembolic events or aneurysmal disease, if the physician/provider can document medical necessity in the patient’s medical record.

In general, non-invasive studies of the arterial system are to be utilized when invasive correction is contemplated or severity of findings dictate non-invasive study follow-up, but not for following non-invasive medical treatment regimens. The latter may be followed with physical findings and/or progression or relief of signs and/or symptoms. Screening of the asymptomatic patient is not covered by Medicare.

III. Peripheral Venous Examinations (93965-93971)

Indications for venous examinations are separated into three major categories: deep vein thrombosis (DVT), chronic venous insufficiency, and vein mapping. Studies are medically necessary only if the patient is a candidate for anticoagulation, thrombolysis or invasive therapeutic procedure(s).

Since the signs and symptoms of arterial occlusive disease and venous disease are so divergent, the performance of simultaneous arterial and venous studies during the same encounter should be rare. Consequently, documentation clearly supporting the medical necessity of both procedures performed during the same encounter must be available in the patient’s medical record.

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)
The signs and/or symptoms of DVT are relatively non-specific; and due to the risk associated with pulmonary embolism (PE), objective testing is allowed in patients who are candidates for anticoagulation or invasive therapeutic procedures for the following:

• Clinical signs and/or symptoms of DVT including, but not limited to, edema, tenderness, inflammation, and/or erythema;
• Clinical signs and/or symptoms of pulmonary embolus (PE) including, but not limited to, hemoptysis, chest pain, and/or dyspnea;
• Unexplained lower extremity edema status, post major surgical procedures, trauma, other or progressive illness/condition; and/or
• Unexplained lower extremity pain, excluding pain of skeletal origin.

These studies are rarely considered medically necessary for the following:

• Bilateral limb edema in the presence of signs and/or symptoms of congestive heart failure, exogenous obesity and/or arthritis; and/or
• Follow-up of phlebitis unless signs/symptoms suggest possible extension of thrombus.

Chronic Venous Insufficiency

Chronic venous insufficiency may be divided into three categories: primary varicose veins, recurrent DVT, and post-thrombotic (post-phlebitic) syndrome. Peripheral venous studies may be indicated for the evaluation of:

- Venous function in patients with ulceration suspected to be secondary to venous insufficiency when documenting venous valvular incompetence prior to invasive therapeutic intervention;
- Varicose veins by themselves do not indicate medical necessity, but medical necessity may be indicated when they are accompanied by significant pain or stasis dermatitis; and/or
- Superficial thrombophlebitis involving the proximal thigh (to investigate whether there was thrombus at the saphenofemoral junction that would demand either anticoagulation or surgical ligation).

Vein Mapping

Mapping the saphenous veins prior to scheduled revascularization procedures is covered by Medicare when it is expected that an autologous vein will be used, but only if there is uncertainty regarding the availability of a suitable vein for by-pass.

Vein mapping is not always necessary as a routine pre-operative study but is medically reasonable when the patient’s clinical evaluation indicates one of the following:

- Previous partial harvest of the vein;
- Previous thrombophlebitis or DVT in the leg;
- Severe varicose veins;
- Previous history of vein stripping, ligation, or sclerotherapy;
- Obesity to the degree it interferes with clinical determination;

Other examples must clearly be supported by the medical documentation.

Vein mapping may be performed prior to creating a dialysis fistula. Please see “VI. Vessel Mapping of Vessels for Hemodialysis Access (93970, 93971, 93990, G0365).”

IV. Visceral Vascular Studies (93975, 93976, 93978, 93979)

Indications:

This procedure is indicated in the evaluation and/or management of vascular disease involving vessels of the abdominal, pelvic, scrotal contents, and/or retroperitoneal organs.

Limitations:

Duplex scanning in the evaluation of an abdominal aortic aneurysm is of limited value unless there is a pulsatile abdominal mass and signs and symptoms of peripheral vascular disease are present. Follow-up of an abdominal aneurysm on a periodic basis using abdominal ultrasound rather than visceral vascular studies to determine growth and potential need for intervention is allowed.

Vascular studies are not the initial diagnostic modality for the evaluation of abdominal pain/tenderness. There must be a high index of suspicion that the pain is caused by a vascular disorder, such as mesentery ischemia.

Noninvasive vascular studies are medically necessary only if the outcome will potentially impact the clinical course of the patient. For example, if a patient is going to proceed on to other diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedures regardless of the outcome of noninvasive studies, noninvasive vascular procedures are usually not medically necessary. That is, if it is obvious from the findings of the history and physical examination that the patient is going to proceed to angiography, then noninvasive vascular studies may not be medically necessary.

V. Hemodialysis Access Examination (93990)

Indications:

Medicare will consider separate payment for vascular studies (CPT code 93990) on symptomatic ESRD patients, when Doppler flow studies are used to provide diagnostic information to determine the appropriate medical intervention. Medicare considers a Doppler flow study medically necessary when the beneficiary’s dialysis access...
site manifests signs or symptoms associated with vascular compromise, and when the results of this test are necessary to determine the clinical course of treatment.

Signs or symptoms in patients with ESRD of impending failure of the hemodialysis access site, including:

- Elevated venous pressure > 200mm Hg on a 200 cc/min. pump;
- Elevated recirculation of time of 12% or greater, and
- Low urea reduction rate < 60%
- An access with a palpable "water hammer" pulse on examination (which implies venous outflow obstruction)

VI. Vessel Mapping of Vessels for Hemodialysis Access (93970, 93971, G0365)

Indications:

Vessel mapping of vessels for hemodialysis access is considered for Medicare payment when it is performed preoperatively prior to creation of hemodialysis access using an autogenous hemodialysis conduit, including arterial inflow and venous outflow. The HCPCS level II code G0365 should be used for the initial autogenous access vessel mapping. The CPT codes 93970 and 93971 may be used for subsequent access mapping.

Limitations:

Medicare will limit payment to either a Doppler flow study (93990/G0365) or an angiogram (fistulogram, venogram, 75790 with 36145 or 75820 with 36005), but not both, unless documentation is provided to support the medical necessity for both studies.

An example of a clinical situation demonstrating the need for both studies would be a scenario where a Doppler flow study demonstrates reduced flow (blood flow rate less than 800 cc/min or a decreased flow of 25% or greater from previous study), and the physician requires an arteriogram, to define the extent of the problem. The patient's medical record(s) must provide documentation supporting the need for more than one imaging study.

If the service is done for monitoring purposes, it is not covered under Part B. No separate payment for non-invasive vascular studies for monitoring the access site of an ESRD patient, whether coded as the access site or peripheral site, is permitted to any entity.

The technical component of HCPCS code G0365 and CPT code 93990 (modifier TC) performed in End-State Renal Disease (ESRD) facilities or for ESRD patients is included in the composite payment rate. This rate is a comprehensive payment that includes all services, equipment, supplies and certain laboratory tests and drugs that are necessary for dialysis treatment.

The professional component for the procedure (modifier 26) is included in the monthly capitation payment (MCP) if billed by the MCP physician. Physicians other than the MCP provider (or a member of his/her group of the same specialty) may bill separately for interpretations of tests.

Services performed on ESRD patients by entities outside the ESRD facility must bill the ESRD facility for payment of monitoring procedures.

Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the policy does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.
Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory; unless specified in the policy services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

Revenue codes only apply to providers who bill these services to the Part A MAC. Revenue codes do not apply to physicians, other professionals and suppliers who bill these services to the Part B MAC.

Please note that not all revenue codes apply to every type of bill code. Providers are encouraged to refer to the FISS revenue code file for allowable bill types. Similarly, not all revenue codes apply to each CPT/HCPCS code. Providers are encouraged to refer to the FISS HCPCS file for allowable revenue codes.

All revenue codes billed on the inpatient claim for the dates of service in question may be subject to review.

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### CPT/HCPCS Codes

#### Group 1 Paragraph: Cerebrovascular Arterial Studies

**Group 1 Codes:**

- 93880 DUPLEX SCAN OF EXTRACRANIAL ARTERIES; COMPLETE BILATERAL STUDY
- 93882 DUPLEX SCAN OF EXTRACRANIAL ARTERIES; UNILATERAL OR LIMITED STUDY
- 93886 TRANSCRANIAL DOPPLER STUDY OF THE INTRACRANIAL ARTERIES; COMPLETE STUDY
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- 93892 TRANSCRANIAL DOPPLER STUDY OF THE INTRACRANIAL ARTERIES; EMBOLI DETECTION WITHOUT INTRAVENTOUS MICROBUBBLE INJECTION
- 93893 TRANSCRANIAL DOPPLER STUDY OF THE INTRACRANIAL ARTERIES; EMBOLI DETECTION WITH INTRAVENTOUS MICROBUBBLE INJECTION

#### Group 2 Paragraph: Extremity Arterial Studies

**Group 2 Codes:**

- LIMITED BILATERAL NONINVASIVE PHYSIOLOGIC STUDIES OF UPPER OR LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERIES, (EG, FOR LOWER EXTREMITY: ANKLE/BRACHIAL INDICES AT DISTAL POSTERIOR Tibial AND ANTERIOR Tibial/DORSALIS PEDIS ARTERIES PLUS BIDIRECTIONAL, DOPPLER WAVEFORM RECORDING AND 393922 ANALYSIS AT 1-2 LEVELS, OR ANKLE/BRACHIAL INDICES AT DISTAL POSTERIOR Tibial AND ANTERIOR Tibial/DORSALIS PEDIS ARTERIES WITH, TRANSCUTANEOUS OXYGEN TENSION MEASUREMENT AT 1-2 LEVELS)

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COMPLETE BILATERAL NONINVASIVE PHYSIOLOGIC STUDIES OF UPPER OR LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERIES, 3 OR MORE LEVELS (EG, FOR LOWER EXTREMITY: ANKLE/BRACHIAL INDICES AT DISTAL POSTERIOR TIBIAL AND ANTERIOR TIBIAL/DORSALIS PEDIS ARTERIES PLUS SEGMENTAL BLOOD PRESSURE MEASUREMENTS WITH BIDIRECTIONAL DOPPLER WAVEFORM RECORDING AND ANALYSIS, AT 3 OR MORE LEVELS, OR ANKLE/BRACHIAL INDICES AT DISTAL POSTERIOR TIBIAL AND ANTERIOR TIBIAL/DORSALIS PEDIS ARTERIES PLUS SEGMENTAL VOLUME PLETHYSMOGRAPHY AT 3 OR MORE LEVELS, OR ANKLE/BRACHIAL INDICES AT DISTAL POSTERIOR TIBIAL AND ANTERIOR TIBIAL/DORSALIS PEDIS ARTERIES PLUS SEGMENTAL TRANSCUTANEOUS OXYGEN TENSION MEASUREMENTS AT 3 OR MORE LEVELS), OR SINGLE LEVEL STUDY WITH PROVOCATIVE FUNCTIONAL MANEUVERS (EG, MEASUREMENTS WITH POSTURAL PROVOCATIVE TESTS, OR MEASUREMENTS WITH REACTIVE HYPEREMIA)

NONINVASIVE PHYSIOLOGIC STUDIES OF LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERIES, AT REST AND FOLLOWING TREADMILL STRESS TESTING, (IE, BIDIRECTIONAL DOPPLER WAVEFORM OR VOLUME PLETHYSMOGRAPHY RECORDING AND ANALYSIS AT REST WITH ANKLE/BRACHIAL INDICES IMMEDIATELY AFTER AND AT TIMED INTERVALS FOLLOWING PERFORMANCE OF A STANDARDIZED PROTOCOL ON A MOTORIZED TREADMILL PLUS RECORDING OF TIME OF ONSET OF CLAUDICATION OR OTHER SYMPTOMS, MAXIMAL WALKING TIME, AND TIME TO RECOVERY) COMPLETE BILATERAL STUDY

93924 DUPLEX SCAN OF LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERIES OR ARTERIAL BYPASS GRAFTS; COMPLETE BILATERAL STUDY
93925 DUPLEX SCAN OF LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERIES OR ARTERIAL BYPASS GRAFTS; UNILATERAL OR LIMITED STUDY
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Group 3 Paragraph: Extremity Venous Studies

Group 3 Codes:
NONINVASIVE PHYSIOLOGIC STUDIES OF EXTREMITY VEINS, COMPLETE BILATERAL STUDY (EG, DOPPLER WAVEFORM ANALYSIS WITH RESPONSES TO COMPRESSION AND OTHER MANEUVERS, PHLEBORHEOGRAPHY, IMPEDANCE PLETHYSMOGRAPHY)
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93970 DUPLEX SCAN OF EXTREMITY VEINS INCLUDING RESPONSES TO COMPRESSION AND OTHER MANEUVERS; UNILATERAL OR LIMITED STUDY

Group 4 Paragraph: Visceral Vascular Studies

Group 4 Codes:
93975 DUPLEX SCAN OF ARTERIAL INFLOW AND VENOUS OUTFLOW OF ABDOMINAL, PELVIC, SCROTAL CONTENTS AND/OR RETROPERITONEAL ORGANS; COMPLETE STUDY
93976 DUPLEX SCAN OF ARTERIAL INFLOW AND VENOUS OUTFLOW OF ABDOMINAL, PELVIC, SCROTAL CONTENTS AND/OR RETROPERITONEAL ORGANS; LIMITED STUDY
93978 DUPLEX SCAN OF AORTA, INFERIOR VENA CAVA, ILIAC VASCULATURE, OR BYPASS GRAFTS; COMPLETE STUDY
93979 DUPLEX SCAN OF AORTA, INFERIOR VENA CAVA, ILIAC VASCULATURE, OR BYPASS GRAFTS; UNILATERAL OR LIMITED STUDY

Group 5 Paragraph: Hemodialysis Access Studies

Group 5 Codes:
93970 DUPLEX SCAN OF EXTREMITY VEINS INCLUDING RESPONSES TO COMPRESSION AND OTHER MANEUVERS; COMPLETE BILATERAL STUDY
93971 DUPLEX SCAN OF EXTREMITY VEINS INCLUDING RESPONSES TO COMPRESSION AND OTHER MANEUVERS; UNILATERAL OR LIMITED STUDY
93990 DUPLEX SCAN OF HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS (INCLUDING ARTERIAL INFLOW, BODY OF ACCESS AND VENOUS OUTFLOW)
VEssel MAPPING OF VESSELS FOR HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS (SERVICES FOR PREOPERATIVE VESSEL MAPPING PRIOR TO CREATION OF HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS USING AN AUTOGENOUS HEMODIALYSIS CONDUIT, INCLUDING ARTERIAL INFLOW AND VENOUS OUTFLOW)
93995 MAPPING PRIOR TO CREATION OF HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS USING AN AUTOGENOUS HEMODIALYSIS CONDUIT, INCLUDING ARTERIAL INFLOW AND VENOUS OUTFLOW)
ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

**Group 1 Paragraph:** It is the responsibility of the provider to code to the highest level specified in the ICD-9-CM (e.g., to the fourth or fifth digit). The correct use of an ICD-9-CM code does not assure coverage of a service. The service must be reasonable and necessary in the specific case and must meet the criteria specified in this determination.

**Cerebrovascular Evaluation (93880, 93882)**

Use ICD-9-CM code 784.2 to report a pulsatile neck mass.
Use ICD-9-CM code 785.9 to report a carotid bruit.

**Group 1 Codes:**
342.00 FLACCID HEMIPLEGIA AND HEMIPARESIS AFFECTING UNSPECIFIED SIDE  
342.01 FLACCID HEMIPLEGIA AND HEMIPARESIS AFFECTING DOMINANT SIDE  
342.02 FLACCID HEMIPLEGIA AND HEMIPARESIS AFFECTING NONDOMINANT SIDE  
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342.82 OTHER SPECIFIED HEMIPLEGIA AND HEMIPARESIS AFFECTING NONDOMINANT SIDE  
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342.92 UNSPECIFIED HEMIPLEGIA AND HEMIPARESIS AFFECTING NONDOMINANT SIDE  
344.00 QUADRIPLEGIA UNSPECIFIED  
344.01 QUADRIPLEGIA C1-C4 COMPLETE  
344.02 QUADRIPLEGIA C1-C4 INCOMPLETE  
344.03 QUADRIPLEGIA C5-C7 COMPLETE  
344.04 QUADRIPLEGIA C5-C7 INCOMPLETE  
344.09 OTHER QUADRIPLEGIA  
344.1 PARAPLEGIA  
344.2 DIPLEGIA OF UPPER LIMBS  
344.30 MONOPLEGIA OF LOWER LIMB AFFECTING UNSPECIFIED SIDE  
344.31 MONOPLEGIA OF LOWER LIMB AFFECTING DOMINANT SIDE  
344.32 MONOPLEGIA OF LOWER LIMB AFFECTING NONDOMINANT SIDE  
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344.41 MONOPLEGIA OF UPPER LIMB AFFECTING DOMINANT SIDE  
344.42 MONOPLEGIA OF UPPER LIMB AFFECTING NONDOMINANT SIDE  
344.5 UNSPECIFIED MONOPLEGIA  
362.30 RETINAL VASCULAR OCCLUSION UNSPECIFIED  
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368.11 SUDDEN VISUAL LOSS  
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368.41 SCOTOMA INVOLVING CENTRAL AREA  
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368.46 HOMONYMOUS BILATERAL FIELD DEFECTS
Group 2 Paragraph: Cerebrovascular Evaluation (93886, 93888, 93890, 93892, 93893)

Group 2 Codes:
282.41 SICKLE-CELL THALASSEMA WITH CRISIS
282.42 SICKLE-CELL THALASSEMA WITHOUT CRISIS
282.60 SICKLE-CELL DISEASE UNSPECIFIED
282.61 HB-SS DISEASE WITHOUT CRISIS
282.62 HB-SS DISEASE WITH CRISIS
348.82 BRAIN DEATH
430 SUBARACHNOID HEMORRHAGE
433.00 OCCLUSION AND STENOSIS OF BASILAR ARTERY WITHOUT CEREBRAL INFARCTION
433.01 OCCLUSION AND STENOSIS OF BASILAR ARTERY WITH CEREBRAL INFARCTION
433.10 OCCLUSION AND STENOSIS OF CAROTID ARTERY WITHOUT CEREBRAL INFARCTION
433.11 OCCLUSION AND STENOSIS OF CAROTID ARTERY WITH CEREBRAL INFARCTION
433.20 OCCLUSION AND STENOSIS OF VERTEBRAL ARTERY WITHOUT CEREBRAL INFARCTION
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435.9 UNSPECIFIED TRANSIENT CEREBRAL ISCHEMIA
V58.73 AFTERCARE FOLLOWING SURGERY OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED

Group 3 Paragraph: Extremity Arterial Evaluation (93922, 93923, 93924, 93925, 93926, 93930 and 93931):

Use ICD-9 code 789.09 to report groin pain.
Use ICD-9 code 785.9 to report a suspected popliteal artery aneurysm.

Group 3 Codes:
249.70 SECONDARY DIABETES MELLITUS WITH PERIPHERAL CIRCULATORY DISORDERS, NOT STATED AS UNCONTROLLED, OR UNSPECIFIED
249.71 SECONDARY DIABETES MELLITUS WITH PERIPHERAL CIRCULATORY DISORDERS, UNCONTROLLED
250.70 DIABETES WITH PERIPHERAL CIRCULATORY DISORDERS, TYPE II OR UNSPECIFIED TYPE, NOT STATED AS UNCONTROLLED
250.71 DIABETES WITH PERIPHERAL CIRCULATORY DISORDERS, TYPE I [JUVENILE TYPE], NOT STATED AS UNCONTROLLED
250.72
DIABETES WITH PERIPHERAL CIRCULATORY DISORDERS, TYPE II OR UNSPECIFIED TYPE, UNCONTROLLED
250.73 DIABETES WITH PERIPHERAL CIRCULATORY DISORDERS, TYPE I [JUVENILE TYPE], UNCONTROLLED
353.0 BRACHIAL PLEXUS LESIONS
435.2 SUBCLAVIAN STEAL SYNDROME
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442.82 ANEURYSM OF SUBCLAVIAN ARTERY
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443.29 DISSECTION OF OTHER ARTERY
443.81 PERIPHERAL ANGIOPATHY IN DISEASES CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE
443.89 OTHER PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE
443.9 PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE UNSPECIFIED
444.21 ARTERIAL EMBOLISM AND THROMBOSIS OF UPPER EXTREMITY
444.22 ARTERIAL EMBOLISM AND THROMBOSIS OF LOWER EXTREMITY
444.81 EMBOLISM AND THROMBOSIS OF ILIAC ARTERY
445.01 ATHEROEMBOLISM OF UPPER EXTREMITY
445.02 ATHEROEMBOLISM OF LOWER EXTREMITY
447.0 ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA ACQUIRED
447.1 STRICTURE OF ARTERY
449 SEPTIC ARTERIAL EMBOLISM
707.10 UNSPECIFIED ULCER OF LOWER LIMB
707.11 ULCER OF THIGH
707.12 ULCER OF CALF
707.13 ULCER OF ANKLE
707.14 ULCER OF HEEL AND MIDFOOT
707.15 ULCER OF OTHER PART OF FOOT
707.19 ULCER OF OTHER PART OF LOWER LIMB
707.8 CHRONIC ULCER OF OTHER SPECIFIED SITES
729.81 SWELLING OF LIMB
785.4 GANGRENE
785.9 OTHER SYMPTOMS INVOLVING CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM
789.09 ABDOMINAL PAIN OTHER SPECIFIED SITE
903.00 INJURY TO AXILLARY VESSEL(S) UNSPECIFIED
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904.8 INJURY TO UNSPECIFIED BLOOD VESSEL OF LOWER EXTREMITY
996.1 MECHANICAL COMPLICATION OF OTHER VASCULAR DEVICE IMPLANT AND GRAFT
996.62 INFECTION AND INFLAMMATORY REACTION DUE TO OTHER VASCULAR DEVICE IMPLANT AND GRAFT
997.2 PERIPHERAL VASCULAR COMPLICATIONS NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED
998.11 HEMORRHAGE COMPLICATING A PROCEDURE
998.12 HEMATOMA COMPLICATING A PROCEDURE
998.13 SEROMA COMPLICATING A PROCEDURE
998.2 ACCIDENTAL PUNCTURE OR LACERATION DURING A PROCEDURE NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED
V58.73 AFTERCARE FOLLOWING SURGERY OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED
V67.09 FOLLOW-UP EXAMINATION FOLLOWING OTHER SURGERY

Group 4 Paragraph: Extremity Venous Evaluation (93965, 93970 and 93971):

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451.82 PHLEBITIS AND THROMBOPHLEBOTIS OF SUPERFICIAL VEINS OF UPPER EXTREMITIES
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453.2 OTHER VENOUS EMBOLISM AND THROMBOSIS OF INFERIOR VENA CAVA
453.9 EMBOLISM AND THROMBOSIS OF UNSPECIFIED SITE
585.3 CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, STAGE III (MODERATE)
585.4 CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, STAGE IV (SEVERE)
585.5 CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, STAGE V
585.6 END STAGE RENAL DISEASE
747.60 ANOMALY OF THE PERIPHERAL VASCULAR SYSTEM UNSPECIFIED SITE
785.9 OTHER SYMPTOMS INVOLVING CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM
996.1 MECHANICAL COMPLICATION OF OTHER VASCULAR DEVICE IMPLANT AND GRAFT
996.73 OTHER COMPLICATIONS DUE TO RENAL DIALYSIS DEVICE IMPLANT AND GRAFT

Group 6 Paragraph: Pre-surgical Conduit Mapping for Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Procedures (93930, 93931, 93965, 93970, and 93971)

List the V72.83 (Other specified pre-operative examination) as the primary diagnosis. The secondary diagnoses should identify the reason for the study and/or findings.

Group 6 Codes:
410.00 ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION OF ANTEROLATERAL WALL EPISODE OF CARE UNSPECIFIED
410.01 ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION OF ANTEROLATERAL WALL INITIAL EPISODE OF CARE
410.02 ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION OF ANTEROLATERAL WALL SUBSEQUENT EPISODE OF CARE
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410.52 ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION OF OTHER LATERAL WALL SUBSEQUENT EPISODE OF CARE
410.60 TRUE POSTERIOR WALL INFACTION EPISODE OF CARE UNSPECIFIED
410.61 TRUE POSTERIOR WALL INFACTION INITIAL EPISODE OF CARE
410.62 TRUE POSTERIOR WALL INFACTION SUBSEQUENT EPISODE OF CARE
410.70 SUBENDOCARDIAL INFARCTION EPISODE OF CARE UNSPECIFIED
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410.72 SUBENDOCARDIAL INFARCTION SUBSEQUENT EPISODE OF CARE
410.80 ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFACTION OF OTHER SPECIFIED SITES EPISODE OF CARE UNSPECIFIED
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410.91 ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFACTION OF UNSPECIFIED SITE INITIAL EPISODE OF CARE
410.92 ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFACTION OF UNSPECIFIED SITE SUBSEQUENT EPISODE OF CARE

411.1 INTERMEDIATE CORONARY SYNDROME
411.81 ACUTE CORONARY OCCLUSION WITHOUT MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION
411.89 OTHER ACUTE AND SUBACUTE FORMS OF ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE OTHER
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Group 7 Paragraph: Pre-surgical Vein-Mapping for Peripheral Arterial Bypass (93965, 93970 and 93971)

List the V72.83 (Other specified pre-operative examination) as the primary diagnosis. The secondary diagnoses should identify the reason for the study and/or findings.

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Group 8 Paragraph: Duplex Scan of Hemodialysis Access (CPT code 93990)

Group 8 Codes:
996.73 Other Complications Due to Renal Dialysis Device Implant and Graft

Group 9 Paragraph: Visceral Vascular Studies (93975, 93976, 93978, 93979)

Use ICD-9 codes 401.0, 403.00, 403.01, and 405.01 to report accelerated hypertension. Use ICD-9 code 456.8 for gastric varices. Use ICD-9 code 785.9 to report an abdominal bruit.

Group 9 Codes:
155.0 Malignant Neoplasm of Liver Primary
155.1 Malignant Neoplasm of Intrahepatic Bile Ducts
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301.0 MALIGNANT ESSENTIAL HYPERTENSION
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ICD-9 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity
Paragraph: Not applicable

General Information

Associated Information

**Documentation Requirements:**
The patient’s medical record must contain documentation that fully supports the medical necessity for services included within this LCD. (See "Indications and Limitations of Coverage.") This documentation includes, but is not limited to, relevant medical history, physical examination, and results of pertinent diagnostic tests or procedures.

It is the responsibility of the physician/provider to ensure the medical necessity of procedures and to maintain records in the event that records are requested for a post-payment audit.

42 CFR §410.32 indicates that diagnostic tests, to be covered, must be ordered by the practitioner who treats the patient. The treating physician is the practitioner responsible for the treatment of the patient. He/she orders the test to use the results in the management of the beneficiary’s specific medical problem(s). Consulting physicians may also order tests.

A referral for one non-invasive study is not a blanket referral for all studies. A referral must be on record for each non-invasive study performed.

Documentation must be provided supporting the need for more than one imaging study [Doppler flow (93990) or vessel mapping (G0365) and arteriogram (75790/75820)].

Providers of interpretations and the technical portion of the examination must be capable of demonstrating documented training and experience and maintain documentation for post-payment audit.

**Appendices:**
Not applicable

**Utilization Guidelines:**
Frequency of follow-up studies will be carefully monitored for medical necessity and it is the responsibility of the physician/provider to maintain documentation of medical necessity in the patient’s medical record.

Guidelines for follow-up cerebrovascular arterial studies include:

- Stenosis of 20-49% (diameter reduction), an annual study;
- Stenosis of 50-79%, every six months;
- Stenosis of 80-99%, every 6 months if surgery not performed; and/or
- After carotid endarterectomy, repeat ipsilateral/unilateral examinations are allowable at six weeks, six months, and one year. During the first year, follow-up studies should be on the ipsilateral side unless signs and symptoms or previously identified disease in the contralateral carotid artery provide indications for a bilateral procedure.

If patients become symptomatic of carotid disease repeat duplex scans are allowed without regard to the above schedule.

Pre-surgical conduit mapping of the radial artery(ies) should only be accompanied by vein-mapping studies when the arterial studies demonstrate a non-acceptable conduit or an insufficient conduit is available for multiple bypass procedures.

In the immediate post-operative period, patients may be studied if re-established pulses are lost, become equivocal, or if the patient develops related signs and/or symptoms of ischemia with impending repeat intervention.

With regard to autogenous vein and synthetic lower extremity bypass surgeries, a study may be performed at three-month intervals during the first year, at six-month intervals during the second year, and annually thereafter. The frequency of medically necessary follow-up studies post-angioplasty is dictated by the vascular...
distribution treated.

Sources of Information and Basis for Decision
This bibliography presents those sources that were obtained during the development of this policy. National Government Services is not responsible for the continuing viability of Web site addresses listed below.

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<td>The LCD is revised to remove CPT code 93990 from Indications section VI (Vessel Mapping of Vessels for Hemodialysis Access). Coverage for CPT code 93990 is correctly defined in the Indications Section for Hemodialysis Access Examination.</td>
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Typographical correction. ICD-9-CM code 440.0 (ATHEROSCLEROSIS OF AORTA) was incorrectly removed from the ICD-9 coding list for Visceral Vascular Studies (93975, 93976, 93978, 93979) and has been replaced. This code has been continuously covered.

10/17/2011 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, fiscal intermediary numbers 00160 and 00332 are removed from this LCD. Effective on this date, claims processing for Kentucky – Part A and Ohio –Part A is performed by CGS Administrators, LLC, the Part A/Part B MAC contractor for these states.

R9 (effective 10/01/2011): LCD revised for annual ICD-9-CM code updates for 2012. The “ICD-9-CM Codes That Support Medical Necessity” section of the policy was revised to add code 348.82 for CPT codes 93886, 93888, 93890, 93892, and 93893. For the Extremity Venous Evaluation (93965, 93970, 93971) coding list new ICD-9 codes 415.13 and V12.55 were added. For the Visceral Vascular Studies (93975, 93976, 93978, 93979) coding list new ICD-9 code 415.13 was added. ICD-9- code 444.0 was deleted and replaced with codes 444.01 and 444.09.

Additional updates were made. For the Cerebrovascular Evaluation (93875, 93883, 93882) coding list, ICD-9 codes 282.41, 282.42, 282.61, 282.62 were moved to the Cerebrovascular Evaluation (93886, 93888, 93890, 93892, 93893) coding list. ICD-9 code 348.89 was deleted and the statement “Use ICD-9-CM code 348.89 to report assessment of brain death.” was removed. ICD-9 code 282.60 was added. ICD-9 codes 435.8 and 435.9 were added due to a provider reconsideration request. References reviewed for reconsideration request were added to the Sources of Information and Basis for Decision section. Minor changes were made to reflect current template language. No comment period required and none given.

R8 (effective 06/01/2011): CPT codes 93970 and 93971 were added to title for the section for “VI. Vessel Mapping of Vessels for Hemodialysis Access” and when referenced throughout the policy. “VI. Vessel Mapping of Vessels for Hemodialysis Access” indications were updated to add the following: “The HCPCS level II code G0365 should be used for the initial autogenous access vessel mapping. The CPT codes 93970 and 93971 may be used for subsequent access surgery.” The CPT/HCPCS section for “Hemodialysis Access Studies” was updated to add CPT codes 93970 and 93971 as acceptable procedure codes. The ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity section for “Vein Mapping for Dialysis Access (93970, 93971, G0365) was updated to include CPT codes 93970 and 93971 as applicable to the diagnosis list. The ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity section for “Extremity Arterial Evaluation (93922, 93923, 93924, 93925, 93926, 93930 and 93931)” was updated to add ICD-9-CM codes 729.81 and 789.09. The following instruction was added to the paragraph preceding the ICD-9-CM code list: “Use ICD-9 CM code 789.09 to report groin pain.” Minor change made to reflect NGS template changes. No notice given and none required.

05/16/2011 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, fiscal intermediary number 00453 is removed from this LCD. Effective on this date, claims processing for Virginia and West Virginia is performed by Palmetto Government Benefits Administration, the Part A/Part B MAC contractor for these states.
04/30/2011 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, carrier number 00660 is removed from this LCD. Effective on this date, claims processing for Kentucky is performed by Cigna Government Services, the Part A/Part B MAC contractor for this state.

Correction published 10/07/2010 (effective 10/01/2010): ICD-9-CM code V67.09 has been removed from the ICD-9-CM code list for CPT codes 93886, 93888, 93890, 93892, and 93893 as it was inadvertently added in error.

R7 (effective 10/01/2010): LCD revised for annual ICD-9-CM code updates for 2011. The “ICD-9-CM Codes That Support Medical Necessity” section of the policy is expanded with the addition of new ICD-9 code 784.52 for CPT codes 93875, 93880, and 93882. ICD-9 code 786.3 was deleted and replaced with 786.30 and 786.39 for CPT codes 93965, 93970, 93971. The “ICD-9-CM Codes That Support Medical Necessity” section of the policy is expanded with the addition of new ICD-9 codes 447.70, 447.71, 447.72, and 447.73 for CPT codes 93975, 93976, 93978, and 93979. In addition, ICD-9 code V67.09 will be added to ICD-9 coding lists for CPT codes 93875, 93880, 93882 (Cerebrovascular Evaluation); CPT codes 93922, 93923, 93924, 93925, 93926, 93930, 93931 (Extremity Arterial Evaluation); and CPT codes 93975, 93976, 93978, 93979 (Visceral Vascular Studies) for claims submitted for the performance of medically necessary surgical or angioplasty follow up. Minor changes were made to reflect current template language. No comment period required and none given.

R6 (effective 08/01/2010): ICD-9 code 996.73 was added to the approved diagnosis list for Extremity Venous Evaluation (CPT codes 93965, 93970 and 93971). No notice given and none required.

R5 (effective 05/01/2010): The Credentialing and Accreditation Standards in the Indication and Limitations section were updated as follows: “Transcutaneous oxygen tension measurements may be performed by individuals possessing the following credentials obtained from the National Board of Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Technology (NBDHMT): Certified Hyperbaric Technologist (CHT), or Certified Hyperbaric Registered Nurse (CHRN).” No notice given and none required.

R4 (effective 01/01/2010): Source of Revision: Reconsideration Request – The indications for Transcranial Doppler (TCD) Studies (93886-93893) were updated to include: “As an alternative to an echocardiogram to detect residual right to left shunting after repair/closure of an intracardiac or intrapulmonary shunt.” The ICD-9 coding list for Cerebrovascular Evaluation (93886, 93888, 93890, 93892, 93893) was updated to add V58.73 (AFTERCARE FOLLOWING SURGERY OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED) to the list of covered indications. The Sources of Information were updated to add literature to support the reconsideration request.

Based on CR 6338, Change Type of Bill (TOB) for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) from 73x to 77x, the following paragraph has been added to the “Other Comments” section of the LCD: “For dates of service prior to April 1, 2010, FQHC services should be reported with bill type 73X. For dates of service on or after April 1, 2010, bill type 77X should be used to report FQHC services.” Minor changes were made to reflect current template language. No comment period required and none given. The SIA associated with this policy was similarly updated.

R3 (effective date 11/01/2009):
Extremity Venous Evaluation (93965, 93970 and 93971):

ICD-9-CM codes 453.40, 453.41, 453.42 were inadvertently removed from the policy with the 10/01/2009 ICD-9 code update and have been replaced. ICD-9-CM code 572.2 was inadvertently added to the policy with the ICD-9-code update and has been removed.

Extremity Arterial Evaluation (93922, 93923, 93924, 93925, 93926, 93930 and 93931): Correction of typo - ICD-9-CM code V59.73 was removed and replaced with the correct code V58.73 (Aftercare following surgery of the circulatory system).

Although the effective date of this revision is 11/01/2009, all coding changes became effective 10/01/2009.

R2 (effective date 10/01/2009): Source of Revision – Annual ICD-9-CM code updates and other policy revisions.

Extracranial Arterial Studies (93875 - 93882):

“Indications” were updated to include angioplasty/stenting as follows: “After carotid endarterectomy or angioplasty/stenting (outside the global period), or follow-up of previously documented stenoses;”

“Utilization Guidelines” were updated to include angioplasty/stenting as follows: “After carotid endarterectomy or angioplasty/stenting, repeat ipsilateral/unilateral examinations are allowable at six weeks, six months, and one year. During the first year, follow-up studies should be on the ipsilateral side unless signs and symptoms or previously identified disease in the contralateral carotid artery provide indications for a bilateral procedure.”

Cerebrovascular Evaluation (93875, 93880, 93882): ICD-9 code 784.5 was deleted and replaced with 784.51 and 784.59.

Cerebrovascular Evaluation (93886, 93888, 93890, 93892, 93893): ICD-9 code 348.8 was deleted and replaced with 348.89.

Extremity Arterial Evaluation (93922, 93923, 93924, 93925, 93926, 93930 and 93931): ICD-9 code V58.73 was added to this section.

Extremity Venous Evaluation (93965, 93970 and 93971): Descriptors were revised for 453.40, 453.41, 453.42 and 572.2. ICD-9 codes 416.2, 453.51, 453.52, 453.6, 453.71, 453.72, 453.74, 453.75, 453.76, 453.81, 453.82, 453.84, 453.85, 453.86, 670.30, 670.32 and 670.34 were added to this section.

Vein Mapping for Dialysis Access (HCPCS code G0365): Descriptors were revised for 453.2. Revised descriptors for 453.40, 453.41 and 453.42 were not accepted and codes were removed from this coding list.

Visceral Vascular Studies (93975, 93976, 93938, 93979): Descriptors were revised for 453.2, 572.2, 584.5, 584.6, 584.7, 584.8 and 587.9. ICD-9 codes 415.11, 415.12, 415.19, 416.2, 670.30, 670.32 and 670.34 were added to this section.

**Although the following policy updates were published 10/01/2009, they became effective for claims submitted on or after 09/01/2009:**
The indications for Vein Mapping were updated to remove the following bullets:

- Preoperative mapping prior to scheduled revascularization procedures; and/or

- In preparation for creating a dialysis fistula when the patient’s clinical evaluation shows that a vein may not be suitable for a fistula.

The following statements were added to Vein Mapping: “Vein mapping may be performed prior to creating a dialysis fistula. Please see “VI. Vessel Mapping of Vessels for Hemodialysis Access (93990/G0365).”

The ICD-9-CM coding section for Visceral Vascular Studies (93975, 93976, 93978, 93979) was updated with the following instructions:

Use ICD-9 codes 401.0, 403.00, 403.01, and 405.01 to report accelerated hypertension.
Use ICD-9 code 456.8 for gastric varices.
Use ICD-9 code 785.9 to report an abdominal bruit.

ICD-9-CM codes added to the policy for Visceral Vascular Studies include: 155.0, 155.1, 401.9, 403.00, 403.01, 403.10, 403.11, 403.90, 403.91, 444.89, 456.0, 456.1, 456.8, 570, 571.2, 571.5, 571.6, 572.1, 572.2, 572.4, 782.4, 785.9, 789.1, 789.2, and 790.4.

Other minor typographical and formatting changes were made to update for most recent NGS template changes. The Supplemental Instructions article associated with this LCD was also updated.

06/05/2009 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, fiscal intermediary number 00270 was removed from this LCD as the claims processing for New Hampshire and Vermont was transitioned to NHIC, the Part A/Part B MAC contractor in these states.

05/15/2009 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, fiscal intermediary numbers 00180 and 00181 were removed from this LCD as the claims processing for Maine and Massachusetts was transitioned to NHIC, the Part A/Part B MAC contractor in these states.

R1 (effective Date 05/01/2009): Source of Revision External – Reconsideration request.

The following reference was added to CMS National Coverage Policy:
42CFR, Section 410.33 provides guidelines for independent diagnostic testing facilities (IDTFs) including requirements for technician personnel and supervising physicians.

The General Indications were updated in the Credentialing and Accreditation Standards section as follows:

Examples of appropriate personnel certification include, but are not limited to the Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation (RPVI), Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT), the Registered Cardiovascular Technologist (RCVT), Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS), and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) credentials in vascular technology. Appropriate laboratory accreditation includes the American College of Radiology (ACR) Vascular Ultrasound Program, and the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL).
Please Note: 42 CFR Section 410.33, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, includes credentialing requirements that supersede those above:
The supervising physician must evidence proficiency in the performance and interpretation of each type of diagnostic procedure performed by the IDTF. The proficiency may be documented by certification in specific medical specialties or subspecialties or by criteria established by the carrier for the service area in which the IDTF is located. See 42 CFR Section 410-33 (2) (b).

Nonphysician personnel. Any nonphysician personnel used by the IDTF to perform tests must demonstrate the basic qualifications to perform the tests in question and have training and proficiency as evidenced by licensure or certification by the appropriate State health or education department. In the absence of a State licensing board, the technician must be certified by an appropriate national credentialing body. The IDTF must maintain documentation available for review that these requirements are met. See 42 CFR Section 410-33 (2) (c).

The ICD-9-CM coding section was updated with the addition of CPT codes 93930 and 93931 to the title as follows:

Pre-surgical Conduit Mapping for Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Procedures (93930, 93931, 93965, 93970, and 93971)

The ICD-9-CM coding section was updated with the deletion of 93930 and 93931 from the title of the Pre-Surgical Vein-Mapping for Peripheral Arterial Bypass section. These codes were previously included in error.

The Utilization Guidelines were updated with the following statement:

Pre-surgical conduit mapping of the radial artery(ies) should only be accompanied by vein-mapping studies when the arterial studies demonstrate a non-acceptable conduit or an insufficient conduit is available for multiple bypass procedures.

The Sources of Information section was updated to include references reviewed due to reconsideration request.

Other changes include minor corrections of typographical errors and updates for current NGS template language.

The changes listed in this revision do NOT apply to the states of Maine (contract 00180), Massachusetts (contract 00181), or Vermont and New Hampshire (contract 00270); however, all other instructions, coverage provisions, and requirements in the LCD remain in effect for these states.

(corr#1) (Effective 11/15/2008) - Minor typographical errors corrected. No change in policy.

3/7/2010 - The description for Bill Type Code 73 was changed
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