

NEWS ALERT!!

Coding for Canalith Repositioning Procedure Update

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Physical therapists treating vestibular patients for BPPV should be aware of the following ruling regarding the use of CPT code 95992.

In the final physician fee schedule rule, CMS assigned a "bundled" status to CPT code 95992 canalith repositioning maneuver. This means that CPT code 95992 will not be separately paid under Medicare to any provider. APTA staff, along with physical therapist members with expertise in vestibular rehabilitation, met with CMS officials in December to urge them to reverse the decision to assign this CPT code a "bundled" status.

CMS has stated that physical therapists should continue to bill CPT code 97112, Neuromuscular Re-education, for Canalith Repositioning Procedure. This recommendation to use 97112 for billing for the Canalith Repositioning Procedure is appropriate for Medicare patients, in addition to all other insurances.



Specifically the notification regarding the 95992 CPT code read as follows:

Notification of Claims Hold for Canalith Repositioning Procedure (CPT 95992)

Effective immediately, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has instructed all contractors to hold claims that contain CPT 95992 pending the successful implementation of system program changes. The system change is scheduled for March 2, 2009.

Although CPT 95992 is a bundled service under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and no separate payment is issued for this code, other CPT codes included on the claim could be reimbursed. Therefore, to mitigate any financial impact for the payable services on the claim, providers should remove CPT 95992 prior to the submission of the claim. Once the system change is implemented, providers may then choose to submit CPT 95992 for a denial.

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