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Note: Codes that contain an 'X' (e.g., 1002X4, 234X2X, 0301XT) are placeholder codes that are intended, through the first three digits, to give readers an idea of the proposed placement in the code set of the potential code changes. These codes are not used for claims reporting and will be removed and not retained when the final CPT Datafiles are distributed on August 31st of each year. To report the services for 'X' codes, please refer to the actual codes as they appear in the CPT Datafiles publication distributed on August 31st of each year.

Tab #	Name	Codes	Description of Editorial Panel Action
5	Parent, Caregiver-focused Health Risk Assessment	99420 994X1	Accepted resequencing of code 99420 to the Medicine section; and addition of code 994X1 to report administration of a health risk assessment tool to the caregiver for the benefit of the patient.
6	Dementia Assessment and Care Plan Services		Postponed
7	Telehealth Evaluation and Management - Dermatologic		Postponed
8	Temporary Mesh Implantation and Removal- Revise 49568, 11008		Postponed
9	Phalanx Tuft Amputation	11750 11752	Accepted deletion of code 11752, and editorial revision of code 11750.
10	Non-Biologic or Synthetic Implant for Fascial Reinforcement	043XT	Accepted addition of a Category III code 043XT to report mesh implantation as fascial closure of surgical entry in non-hernia surgeries.
11	Bone Biopsy	20240 20245	Accepted revision of codes 20240 and 20245 to provide further differentiation of these code descriptors.
12	Removal Bone Fixation		Postponed
13	Laryngoplasty	315X1 315X2 315X3 315X4 315X5 315X6 31580 31584 31587 21495	Accepted addition of codes 315X1, 315X2, 315X3, 315X4, 315X5, and 315X6 to differentiate treatment of laryngeal stenosis according to age, for medialization, and cricotracheal resection; revision of codes 31580, 31584, and 31587; deletion of codes 21495,

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		31582 31588	31582, and 31588
14	Biomechanical Device Insertion - Intervertebral, Interbody	228X1 228X2 228X3 22851	Accepted addition of codes 228X1, 228X2, 228X3 to describe placement and attachment of biomechanical spinal devices; and deletion of code 22851.
15	Insertion Spinal Stability-Distracton Device Without Decompression	043X3 043X4 228X4 228X5	Accepted deletion of Category III codes 043X3 and 043X4 and addition of codes 228X4 and 228X5 to report insertion of spinous distraction device(s) without concurrent performance of open decompression.
16	Spine Decompression	62287 0274T 0275T	Accepted editorial revision of codes 62287, 0274T and 0275T and the Posterior Extradural Laminotomy or Laminectomy for Exploration/Decompression of Neural Elements or Excision of Herniated Intervertebral Discs guidelines to remove the endoscopic reference for clarification of percutaneous surgical approach.
17	Endoscopic Decompression of Spinal Cord Nerve Roots	630X1 62287 0274T 0275T	Accepted addition of code 630X1 to report endoscopic decompression of neural elements; revision of codes 0274T, 0275T, 62287; and the Posterior Extradural Laminotomy or Laminectomy for Exploration/Decompression of Neural Elements or Excision of Herniated Intervertebral Discs guidelines to remove references to use of

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			endoscopic visualization.
18	Closed Treatment of Pelvic Ring Fracture	271X1 271X2 27193 27194	Accepted deletion of codes 27193 and 27194 and addition of codes 271X1 271X2 to identify closed treatment of posterior pelvic ring fracture(s), dislocation(s), diastasis, or subluxation of the ilium, sacroiliac joint, and/or sacrum with and without manipulation (.
19	Bunionectomy	282X1 282X2 28290 28293 28294 28289 28292 28296 28297 28298 28299	Accepted addition of codes 282X1, 282X2 to report bunionectomy; deletion of codes 28290, 28293, 28294; and revision of codes 28289, 28292, 28296, 28297, 28298, and 28299 to remove legacy named procedures for more accurate description of the services as they are currently performed.
20	Removal of Thoracostomy Tube		Rejected
21	Closure Left Atrial Appendage with Endocardial Implant	333X3 0281T	Accepted deletion of Category III code 0281T and addition of code 333X3 to report percutaneous transcatheter closure of the left atrial appendage.
22	Valvuloplasty	334X1 334X2 33400 33401 33403 33405	Accepted addition of codes 334X1 and 334X2 to more accurately describe aortic valve repair; deletion of codes 33400, 33401 and 33403 that describe more

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		33406 33410	limited repairs than are currently performed; and revision of codes 33405, 33406 and 33410 to clarify the intent of these codes for open procedures.
23	Creation of Graft Conduit for Arterial Perfusion- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
24	Open and Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty	35450 35452 35458 35460 35471 35472 35475 35476 372X1 372X2 372X3 372X4 75962 75964 75966 75968 75978	Accepted deletion of codes 35450, 35452, 35458, 35460; deletion of codes 35471, 35472, 35475, 35476 and their related radiologic imaging services codes 75962, 75964, 75966, 75968, 75978; and addition of codes 372X1, 372X2, 372X3, 372X4 to report percutaneous transluminal angioplasty procedures.
25	Mechanochemical (MOCA) Vein Ablation	364X1 364X2 36476 36479	Accepted addition of codes 364X1, 364X2 for reporting venous mechanochemical ablation; and revision of codes 36476 and 36479 to describe the additional veins treated as “subsequent” rather than “second and subsequent”.
26	Dialysis Circuit- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
27	Dialysis Circuit	369X1- 369X2 369X3 369X4 369X5	Accepted addition of codes 369X1-369X9 to report angioplasty, stent placement, thrombectomy and embolization within the

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		369X6 369X7 369X8 369X9 36147 36148 36870 75791	dialysis circuit; and deletion of codes 36147, 36148, 36870, 75791
28	Esophagectomy	432X5 432X6 432X7 43112	Accepted addition of codes 432X5, 432X6, and 432X7 to describe esophagectomy with laparoscopic or thoracoscopic mobilization of different anatomic locations of the esophagus ; and editorial revision of code 43112 to differentiate this service.
29	Esophageal Sphincter Augmentation	432X1 432X2 0392T 0393T	Accepted addition of codes 432X1, 432X2 to report placement and removal of a sphincter augmentation device; and deletion of Category III codes 0392T, 0393T for these services.
30	Instillation of Fecal Microbiota- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
31	Urethral Length Measurement		Rejected
32	Peri-prostatic Implantation of Biodegradable Material	044XT	Accepted addition of Category III code 044XT to report needle peri-prostatic transperineal placement of biodegradable material.

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33	Laparoscopic Radiofrequency Ablation of Uterine Fibroids	0336T 585X1	Accepted deletion Category III code 0336T; and addition of code 585X1 to report laparoscopic radiofrequency ablation of uterine fibroids.
34	Ventriculo-peritoneal Catheter Replacement	62225 62230	Accepted revision of parenthetical instructions for codes 62225, 62230 to clarify appropriate reporting for replacement components.
35	Sphenopalatine Ganglion Sympathetic Nerve Block		Rejected
36	Cerumen Impaction Removal- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
37	Fluoroscopic Guidance	77002 77003	Accepted revision of codes 77002, 77003 to add-on codes.
38	Mammography-Computer Aided Detection Bundling	+ 77051 + 77052 77055 77056 77057 770X1 770X2 770X3	Accepted deletion of codes 77051, 77052, 77055, 77056, 77057 and addition of codes 770X1, 770X2, 770X3 to bundle mammography and computer-aided detection (CAD) services.
39	Molecular Pathology Guideline Revisions		Accepted revision of the Molecular Pathology guidelines to specify that nucleic acid refers specifically to DNA and RNA.
40	Tier 2 Deletion Analysis for DiGeorge Syndrome- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
41	GSP of Fetal Deletion Targeted Genomic Sequence Analysis		Postponed
42	MAAA for High Grade Prostate Cancer	814X1	Accepted addition of code 814X1 MAAA code to report

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			a high-grade prostate cancer test.
43	GSP for Cardiomyopathy	814X2	Accepted addition of code 814X2 to report a genomic sequence procedure for cardiomyopathy.
44	GSP for Cardiac Ion Channelopathies	81280 81281 81282 81403 814X5 814X6	Accepted addition of two codes 814X5, 814X6 to report genomic sequencing procedures and duplication/deletion analysis for cardiac ion channelopathies; deletion of Tier 1 codes 81280, 81281, and 81282; and revision of Tier 2 Level 4 code 81403 for reporting variants not listed in genomic sequencing procedure.
45	MAAA for Prostate Cancer Metastasis - WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
46	Kidney Disease Panel and Urinary Albumin-Creatinine Test- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
47	Heavy Metal Test	83015 83018	Accepted revision of codes 83015, 83018 to clarify use for testing of analytes not identified in other codes.
48	Lipoprotein Particle and Subclass Quantitation	83704	Accepted revision of code 83704 to clarify that the particle subclasses are included if performed
49	Bioavailable Testosterone Test	844XX	Accepted addition of code 844XX for measurement of bioavailable testosterone levels used in differentiation of secondary hypogonadism from primary testicular failure.

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50	HPV Screening- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
51	Influenza Virus Vaccine Dosage Revision	90655 90656 90657 90658 90685 90686 90687 90688	Accepted Revision of influenza virus vaccine codes 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90685, 90686, 90687, 90688 to replace patient age information the descriptors with dosage information.
52	Influenza Vaccine - Cell Culture-derived		Rejected
53	Gastrogram		Rejected
54	Visual Field Assessment- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
55	Fluorescein and Indocyanine Ophthalmoscopic Angiography	92235 92240 922X4	Accepted revision of codes 92235 and 92240 to include a bilateral service and to bundle the use of fluorescein and indocyanine-green dyes with the addition of a single new code 922X4.
56	Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)	92978 92979 0291T 0292T	Accepted editorial revision of codes 92978 and 92979 and guidelines to include optical coherence tomography for intravascular measurement of vessel dimension and lesion size; and deletion of codes 0291T and 0292T.
57	Non-invasive Hemodynamic Monitoring		Rejected

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58	Closure of Paravalvular Leak	935X1 935X2 935X3	Accepted addition of codes 935X1, 935X2 and 935X3 to report percutaneous application of occlusion device to mitral and aortic valves following surgical replacement.
59	Health and Behavior Assessment and Intervention Revisions		Postponed
60	Infusions and Chemotherapy Administration Guidelines- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
61	Subcutaneous Infusion		Rejected
62	Application of On-body Injector with Subcutaneous Injection	963XX	Accepted addition of code 963XX to report application of on-body injector for subsequent subcutaneous injection.
63	Titration for Enteral Drug Infusion		Postponed
64	Reflectance Confocal Microscopy Instruction	96931-96936	Accepted addition of an exclusionary parenthetical that precludes using codes 96931-96936 for a reflectance confocal microscopy examination that does not produce mosaic images.
65	Colonic Hydrotherapy- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
66	Electrosonic Stimulation Therapy- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----

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67	Larval Therapy - Revise 97597	97602 97597 97698	Accepted editorial revision of code 97602 to include larval therapy in the methods for the removal of devitalized tissue from the wound.
68	GI Moderate Sedation		Rejected
69	Continuous Glucose Monitoring- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
70	HCPAC NCCAOM Acupuncture		Postponed
71	Code Instruction Pairs		Information Item
72	Category III Guideline Revisions		Accepted revision of the introductory Category III guidelines to include reference to services by non-traditional providers, new paradigms of service (diabetes prevention program), or services identified as requiring payment by state statute.
73	Injection of Platelet Rich Plasma - Delete 0232T	0232T	Accepted retention of Category III code 0232T for another five years. Category III code 0232T will archive December 31, 2021.
74	Myocardial Contrast Perfusion Echocardiography	041XT	Accepted addition of Category III add-on code 041XT to report performance of myocardial perfusion test with echocardiography.
75	Cardiac Event Recorder Services - Non-facility Setting		Postponed

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76	Aortic Counterpulsation Ventricular Assist Procedures- WITHDRAWN	-----	-----
77	Percutaneous Cryoablation for Phantom Limb Pain	042XT 043XT 045XT	Accepted addition of three Category III codes for CT-guided percutaneous nerve cryoablation for reduction of phantom pain following limb amputation.
78	Real Time Spectral Analysis of Prostate Tissue	046XT	Accepted addition of add-on code 046XT to report real time spectral analysis of prostate tissue.
79	Drug-Eluting Ocular Insert Placement	047XT 048XT 68761 68815	Accepted addition of Category III codes 047XT, 048XT for insertion and subsequent replacement of an ocular drug delivery system for reduction of intraocular pressure.
80	Cat II - Neoplasm Detected During Screening Colonoscopy		Postponed
81	Cat II - Photodocumentation of Cecal Intubation		Postponed
82	Cat II - Frequency of Adequate Bowel Preparation		Postponed
83	Antiviral Treatment for Hepatitis C Quality Measure - Revise 4151F	4151F	Accepted revision of code 4151F to clarify Hepatitis C antiviral therapy measurement.
84	CPT Cycle Revisions		Informational Item

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EC-B	Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis		Not Accepted for Reconsideration, No Action Taken
EC-C	Esophageal Sphincter Augmentation		Not Accepted for Reconsideration, No Action Taken
EC-D	Hib-MenCY Vaccine Technical Correction (90644)	90644	Accepted revision of code 90644 to accurately reflect the age range for administration and direction to publish this revision as a technical correction.
EC-E	Literature And Advisor Review Issue#1- Revision of Literature Requirements		Accepted revision of the literature requirements to specify documentation requirements for applicants submitting literature still “in press”
EC-F	Modifier 33		Accepted revision of the Ambulatory Surgical Center Modifiers listing to include modifier 33.
EC-G	RUC Report –Issue #1 Abdominal Aorta Ultrasound Screening		Accepted recommendation for creation of a CPT Assistant article.
EC-G	RUC Report–Issue #2 Moderate Sedation	991X1X 991X2X	Accepted revision of the Moderate Sedation codes for application of modifier 51 exempt status and Appendix E to include these codes.
EC-G	RUC Report–Issue #3 Removal of Calculi/Debris from Biliary Duct(s)		Accepted revision of the biliary tract guidelines to clarify instructions for the removal of debris and publication as a technical correction.

EC-H	CPT Assistant Editorial Board Referrals		Informational
EC-I	CPT Opportunities		Informational
EC-I	Other Business–Issue #1 Application FAQs		Informational
EC-I	Other Business–Issue #2 Physical Therapy/ Occupational Therapy Evaluation Codes	97161X 97162X 97163X 97164X 97165X 97166X 97167X 97168X	Accepted recommendations for service times approved by the RUC in the Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Evaluation codes