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Section 425, Cryosurgery of the Prostate Gland, manualizes instructions previously released in Program Memorandum A-99-15, Change Request 854 dated April 1999. It incorporates the CPT code 55873. The code will include the cryosurgical ablation of the prostate (includes the ultrasonic guidance for interstitial cryosurgical probe placement, and cryosurgery of the prostate gland performed as salvage therapy under certain conditions (for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001).) There are no system changes at this time. The CPT code was effective January 1, 2001. All standard systems changes are to be implemented January 1, 2002.

Carriers provide the necessary information regarding this transmittal in your next bulletin.

NOTE: In situations where one provider has provided the cryosurgical ablation and another has provided the ultrasonic guidance for the same beneficiary for the same date of service, the provider of the cryosurgical ablation must submit the claim, and the provider of the ultrasonic guidance seek compensation from the provider of the cryosurgical ablation.

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G. Remittance Advice Notices.--If the claim for a screening prostate antigen test or screening digital rectal examination is being denied because the patient is under 50 years of age, use existing American National Standard Institute (ANSI) X12-835 claim adjustment reason code 6 “the procedure code is inconsistent with the patient’s age”, at the line level along with line level remark code M140 “Service is not covered until after the patient’s 50th birthday, i.e., no coverage prior to the day after the 50th birthday.”

If the claim for a screening prostate specific antigen test or screening digital rectal examination is being denied because the time period between the test/procedure has not passed, the FI will use existing ANSI X12-835 claim adjustment reason code 119 “Benefit maximum for this time period has been reached” at the line level.
425. CRYOSURGERY OF THE PROSTATE GLAND

A. Coverage Requirements.--Medicare will cover cryosurgery of the prostate gland effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 1999. The coverage is for:

1. Primary treatment of patients with clinically localized prostate cancer, Stages T1-T3 (diagnosis code is 185 - malignant neoplasm of prostate). Cryosurgery of the prostate gland, also known as cryosurgical ablation of the prostate (CAP), destroys prostate tissue by applying extremely cold temperatures in order to reduce the size of the prostate gland (procedure code 60.62 - perineal prostatectomy (the definition includes cryoablation of prostate, cryostatectomy of prostate, and radical cryosurgical ablation of prostate).

Claims for cryosurgery of the prostate gland should meet the requirements that the cryosurgery be performed only as a primary treatment for patients with clinically localized prostate cancer, stages T1-T3.

2. Salvage therapy (effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001) for patients:
   - Having recurrent, localized prostate cancer;
   - Failing a trial of radiation therapy as their primary treatment; and
   - Meeting one of these conditions: State T2B or below; Gleason score less than 9; PSA less than 8 ng/ml.

For more information regarding coverage, refer to §35-96 of the Medicare Coverage Issues Manual.

B. Billing Requirements.--Submit claims for cryosurgery for the prostate gland on the Form HCFA-1450 or electronic equivalent. Follow the instructions in §460 of the Hospital Manual. This procedure can be rendered in an inpatient or outpatient hospital setting (bill types 12x, 13x, 83x, and 85x.)

Use the following CPT code and revenue code to indicate that the procedure was rendered:

- 55873 - revenue code 34x, Cryosurgical ablation of localized prostate cancer, stages T1-T3 (includes ultrasonic guidance for interstitial cryosurgical probe placement, postoperative irrigations and aspiration of sloughing tissue included).

Diagnosis Code 185 and procedure code 60.62 must also be on the claim.

C. Payment Requirements.--This service will be paid only as a primary treatment for patients with clinically localized prostate cancer, Stages T1-T3. When one provider has furnished the cryosurgical ablation and another the ultrasonic guidance, the provider of the ultrasonic guidance must seek compensation from the provider of the cryosurgical ablation. The ultrasonic guidance associated with this procedure will not be paid for separately.

Effective July 1, 2001, cryosurgery performed as salvage therapy will be paid only according to the coverage requirements described in paragraph A.

These services will be paid on a reasonable cost basis with appropriate deductible and coinsurance applies.