



Payment for Endoscopic Procedures

Per Medicare rules on payment for endoscopic procedures, when a physician performs two endoscopic procedures in the same family, and neither procedure represents the base procedure, you may report both codes.

Claims paid using the HAP fee schedule

For claims that are paid using HAP's fee schedule, we will reimburse:

- The most extensive (i.e., highest-valued) endoscopy at full value.
- Any additional endoscopies in the same family by subtracting the value of the base endoscopy and paying the difference.

When four endoscopic procedures were performed with two different base procedures, the endoscopic family with the lowest allowed amount will be paid at 50%.

Claims paid using other fee schedules

For claims that are paid using any other type of fee schedule, such as, Multiplan, Aetna, Medicare's fee schedules like the Phys Pricer Reimbursement rate, etc., HAP will reimburse:

- The most extensive (i.e., highest-valued) endoscopy at full value.
- Any additional endoscopies in the same family by 50%.

When four endoscopic procedures were performed with two different base procedures, the endoscopic family with the lowest allowed amount will be paid at 50%.

Post-pay audits

The next post-pay audit will begin in July 2024. It will focus on dates of service from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. This audit will be done twice a year to determine if correct payments were made for these claims. Adjustments will be made as appropriate.