



May 19, 2020

Re: Reimbursement policy update – Prostate needle biopsy effective August 18, 2020

We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: evidence-based medicine, professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result of a recent review, and in alignment with CMS guidance, we will deny reimbursement for a prostate needle biopsy when billed with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code 88305.

Claims may be resubmitted with the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code G0416 with one unit.

This update is effective for claims processed on or after August 18, 2020. We will update the Omnibus Reimbursement Policy (R24) to address the coding issue.

Additional Information

For more information about our policies, please visit the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website at CignaforHCP.com (Resources > Coverage Policies > Policy Updates).

If you are not a registered user, please register so you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. Go to CignaforHCP.com and click "Register Now." If you do not have Internet access or would like additional information, please call Cigna Customer Service at 800.88Cigna (882.4462).

Thank you for the care you provide our customers.

Sincerely,

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At a glance

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