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Portable X-Ray and EKG Supplier Services

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DESCRIPTION:

Portable X-ray supplier services are those radiology services that may be safely performed at the patient's bedside using portable equipment, (e.g., C-arm or swing arm).

Portable EKG services are those services that may be safely performed at the patient's bedside using portable equipment.

REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION:

Diagnostic X-ray and EKG services furnished by a supplier not under the direct supervision of a physician may be eligible for coverage when the criteria for medical necessity are met.

Reimbursement for transportation of portable x-ray equipment and set up services by an approved supplier is included in the allowance for the covered portable x-ray service.

Reimbursement for transportation of portable EKG equipment by an approved supplier is included in the allowance for covered EKG service.

Claims for portable X-ray and EKG services must contain the name of the ordering physician and a patient diagnosis.

BILLING/CODING INFORMATION:

The following codes may be used to describe portable X-ray and EKG services:

HCPCS Coding:

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| Q0092 | Set-up portable x-ray equipment |
| R0070 | Transportation of portable x-ray equipment and personnel to home or nursing home, per trip to facility or location, one patient seen |
| R0075 | Transportation of portable x-ray equipment and personnel to home or nursing home, per trip to facility or location, more than one patient seen |
| R0076 | Transportation of portable EKG to facility or location, per patient NOTE: this code is considered a "B" status code on physician fee schedule as defined by CMS. Please refer to the B-Status Code Policy for additional information. |

RELATED PAYMENT POLICIES:

B-Status Codes 10-004

REFERENCES:

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HCPCS Release and Code Sets, <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update>
- Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 13 – Radiology Services and Other Diagnostic Procedures: 90 – Services of Portable X-Ray Supplier <https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/guidance/manuals/downloads/clm104c13.pdf>
- Medicare Benefit Policy Processing Manual, Chapter 15 – Covered Medical and Other Health Services 80.4.3 - Scope of Portable X-Ray Benefit <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

GUIDELINE UPDATE INFORMATION:

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| 07/15/2021 | Annual Review – no changes |
| 07/14/2022 | Annual Review – List of eligible coverage criteria removed, Related Payment Policies added, and References updated. |
| 07/13/2023 | Annual Review – Reference reviewed and updated. |

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