



Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

Administrative Policy:

Diagnostic Imaging Privileging by Participating Provider Practice Specialty

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Policy:

The privileging policy is designed to improve quality and promote appropriate use of diagnostic imaging by primary care physicians, specialty physicians and other health care professionals. The Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield payment policies below designate which imaging procedures shall be payable by Horizon (subject to member benefits) in primary care physicians', specialty physicians' and other health care professionals' offices by provider practice specialty. In addition, these payment policies describe the minimum accreditation and certification requirements for ultrasound, echocardiography and nuclear medicine. This payment policy assumes board certification (by an ABMS recognized board) in the provider specialties listed below.

Participating primary care physicians, specialty physicians and other health care professional will be reimbursed for only those exams that they are privileged to perform in an office setting. Participating physicians, specialty physicians and other health care professionals are required to comply with Horizon BCBSNJ's radiology/imaging quality standards. To review this information, please access our *Standards for Diagnostic Radiology/Imaging Facilities/Freestanding-Office including Surgi-Centers and Diagnostic Dental-Radiographic Imaging* within our online Medical Policy Manual (HorizonBlue.com/MedicalPolicy).

The list below details the imaging CPT codes that designated physicians, specialty physicians and other health care professionals can perform. Practices consisting of more than one specialty are also privileged in accordance with the privileging information detailed below; privileging is based on the ordering physician specialty. If a practice includes a radiologist for the supervision and interpretation of examinations for which the ordering specialist in that practice is privileged to perform, only those examinations on the privileging list for the specialty of the ordering physician will be reimbursed. Diagnostic imaging services that are not listed under the ordering physician's specialty must be referred to either a participating freestanding radiology site or a participating hospital outpatient setting. **Note: Horizon BCBSNJ does not consider a multi-specialty practice with a radiologist on site as a freestanding radiology center. Any examination that is performed outside of the ordering specialist's privileging will not be reimbursed and will be the liability of the specialty practice.** Multi- specialty physician groups and Ambulatory Surgi-Centers **will not** be permitted to perform advanced imaging procedures. All advanced imaging must be performed in a participating freestanding radiology center or participating hospital outpatient site.

Mobile Imaging Services must comply with the *Standards for Diagnostic Radiology/Imaging Facilities/Freestanding-Office including Surgi-Centers and Diagnostic Dental – Radiographic Imaging Policy* (accessible in our online Medical Policy Manual at HorizonBlue.com/MedicalPolicy), and only render services where the provider is specifically contracted to provide imaging services.

As participating primary care physicians, specialty physicians and other health care professionals, you must ensure compliance to the above mentioned policy as this could affect what radiology services you would be privileged to perform. **In addition, all licenses are non-transferable; therefore time share, table time or equipment leases other than direct leases with a manufacturer or financing company whether or not on per diem basis is not permitted.**

The following products are excluded from this policy: Blue Card (ITS Home); Federal Employee Program (FEP), Horizon NJ Health, Medigap, National ASO – Indemnity (out-of-state), National ASO – PPO (out of state).

Informational Notes:

- 1) Specialty privileging includes pediatric specialties unless otherwise noted.
- 2) All participating providers, specialist or other health care specialist performing diagnostic or therapeutic imaging are required to comply with Horizon BCBSNJ Radiology/Imaging Quality Standards, State and Federal guidelines as well as compliance with ALARA and Image Wisely guidelines/parameters.
- 3) All diagnostic radiographic procedures must be performed by an ARRT licensed radiographic technologist or privileged physician.
- 4) One (1) unit of CPT code 76942 is allowable for a single patient encounter

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PRACTITIONER SPECIALTY	PROCEDURE CODES	PRACTITIONER ACCREDITATION/CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT	LABORATORY ACCREDITATION/CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT
Primary Care Physicians: Internal Medicine, Family Practice	71045 to 71048***, 77080**, 77081**, 77085**		
	93303*, 93304*, 93306* to 93308*, 93320, 93321, 93325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Board of Echocardiography (NBE) certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in Adult Transthoracic Echocardiography
Cardiologists (Includes cardiovascular specialist, interventional cardiologist, and cardiac electrophysiologist)	71045 to 71048***76930, 76932, 93880		
	93303*, 93304*, 93306* to 93308*, 93350*, 93351*, 93320, 93321, 93325, 93352, 93922 to 93924	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiology certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), or American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in Adult Transthoracic Echocardiography
Cardiologists (Nuclear)	78451*, 78452*, 78453*, 78454*, 78466*, 78468*, 78469*, 78472*, 78473*, 78481*, 78483*, 78494*, 78496*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification by the American Board of Radiology (ABR), or American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM), or Certification Board for Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC), or Cardiologists who have recently completed an accredited cardiology fellowship within the last year and have level two certification in nuclear cardiology testing will have 24 months to become board certified by the (CBNC). <p>During the 24 months these physicians will be able to perform nuclear stress testing at sites supervised by a physician with CBNC certification and after the receipt of a letter or certificate from training supervisor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC Nuclear/PET) in Myocardial Perfusion Imaging or the American College of Radiology (ACR) in Nuclear Medicine
Pediatric Cardiologists	71045 to 71048***, 76825 to 76828, 76930, 76932		
	93303*, 93304*, 93306* to 93308*, 93320, 93321, 93325, 93350*, 93351*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification in pediatric cardiology by the American Board of Pediatrics (APB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intersocietal Accreditation Commission for Echocardiography Laboratories (IAC) in Pediatric Transthoracic Echocardiography
Chiropractors	72040, 72069, 72070, 72080, 72100		
Colon & Rectal Surgeons	76872, 76942	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification by the American Board of Colon & Rectal Surgery (ABCRS) 	
Endocrinologists	76536, 76942, 77080**, 77081**, 77085**		
Gastroenterologists	76975		

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General Surgeons	76942, 76642, 76641	For breast ultrasound and ultrasound guided breast biopsy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians must be certified in breast ultrasound by the American Soc. of Breast Surgeons (ASBS) 	For breast ultrasound and ultrasound guided breast biopsy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities must have accreditation from the ASBS for breast ultrasound and ultrasound guided breast biopsy, or The American College of Radiology in breast Ultrasound, or The AIUM in Interventional Breast Ultrasound
Geriatricians	71045 to 71048***		
	93303*, 93304*, 93306* to 93308*, 93320, 93321, 93325	Non-cardiologists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Board of Echocardiography (NBE) certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in Adult Transthoracic Echocardiography
Hand Surgeons	76000, 73100 to 73140		
Head and Neck Surgeons (ENT, otolaryngologist)	70210, 70220, 76536, 76942		
Hematologist/Oncologists Medical Oncologists Oncologists	71045 to 71048***, 77080**, 77081**, 77085 **		
Maternal and Fetal Medicine Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine	77052, 77057, G0202, 77063	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be fully compliant with MQSA requirements to perform screening mammography 	
	74740, 76376, 77080**, 77081**, 77085**, 76815, 76816, 76817, 76830 to 76857, 76948		
	76801, 76802, 76805, 76810, 76811, 76812, 76813, 76814, 76818, 76819, 76820, 76821, 76825, 76826, 76827, 76828, 76970, 76941, 76942, 76945, 76946, 93325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Institute of Ultrasound Medicine (AIUM) accreditation in obstetrics ultrasound, or ACR accreditation in obstetrical ultrasound 	
Nephrologists	75791, 75978, 77002, 76942		
Neurologists	93880		
Nuclear Medicine	All 78000 nuclear medicine studies are included in this section, please consult your Provider Manual to determine which nuclear studies require prior authorization or call eviCore healthcare for assistance 1-866-496-6200.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians to be certified by the American Board of Radiology (ABR) or the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM). 	

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OB/GYN	77063, 77067	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be fully compliant with MQSA requirement to perform screening mammography 	
	74740, 76376, 77080**, 77081**, 77085 **, 76815, 76816, 76817, 76830 to 76857, 76948, 76970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
	76801, 76802, 76805, 76810, 76811, 76812, 76813, 76814, 76818, 76819, 76820, 76821, 76825, 76826, 76827, 76828, 76941, 76945, 76946, 93325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIUM accreditation in obstetrics ultrasound, or ACR accreditation in obstetrical ultrasound 	
Oral Surgeons	70100, 70110, 70140, 70150, 70300, 70310, 70320, 70328, 70330, 70350, 70355		
Orthopedists (Including Pediatric Orthopedists)	71100 to 71111, 71120 to 71130, 72020, 72040, 72050, 72052, 72070 to 72120, 72170, 72190, 72200 to 72220, 73000 to 73140, 73501 to 73503, 73521 to 73523, 73525, 73551, 73552, 73560, 73562, 73564, 73565 to 73580, 73590, 73592, 73600, 73610, 73615, 73620, 73630, 73650, 73660, 76000, 77002, 77003, 77071, 77073, 77077, 77080**, 77081**, 77085 **		
	76881, 76882, 76885, 76886, 76942	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIUM accreditation in musculoskeletal ultrasound 	
Pain Specialists (physiatrists, anesthesiologists, neurologists, and neurosurgeons)	72275, 76000, 77002, 77003		
Pediatricians	71045 to 71048***		
Podiatrists	73600, 73610, 73620, 73630, 73650, 73660		
	76881, 76882, 76942	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIUM accreditation in musculoskeletal ultrasound 	
Pulmonologists	71045 to 71048***		
Radiation Oncologists	77012, 77014*, 76873, 76950, 76965		

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Reproductive Endocrinologists	77063, 77067	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be fully compliant with MQSA requirements to perform screening mammography 	
	77080**, 77081**, 77085 **, 76815, 76816, 76817, 76830 to 76857, 74740, 76376, 76948		
	76801, 76802, 76805, 76810, 76811, 76812, 76813, 76814, 76818, 76819, 76820, 76821, 76825, 76826, 76827, 76828, 76941, 76945, 76946, 76970, 93325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIUM accreditation in obstetrics, or ACR accreditation in obstetrical ultrasound 	
Rheumatologists	72020, 72040, 72050, 72052, 72070 to 72120, 72170, 72190, 72200 to 72220, 73000 to 73140, 73501 to 73503, 73521 to 73523, 73525, 73551, 73552, 73560, 73562, 73564, 73565 to 73580, 73590, 73592, 73600, 73610, 73615, 73620, 73630, 73650, 73660, 76000, 76881, 76882, 76942, 77002, 77073, 77077, 77080, 77081, 77085		
Sports Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehab	71100 to 71111, 71120, 71130, 72020, 72040, 72050, 72052, 72070 to 72120, 72170, 72190, 72200 to 72220, 73000 to 73140, 73501 to 73503, 73521 to 73523, 73525, 73551, 73552, 73560, 73562, 73564, 73565 to 73580, 73590, 73592, 73600, 73610, 73615, 73620, 73630, 73650, 73660	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board certification in sports medicine and combined fellowship, residency and training in sports medicine of at least four years. 	
	76881, 76882, 76942		
Urologists	76775, 76857, 76870, 76872, 76873, 76942, 76965, 93980, 93981		
Vascular Surgeons	77001, 76937, 76942, 93880, 93922 to 93924		

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- 1) American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), Endocrine Certification in Neck Ultrasound (ECNU) <https://www.aace.com/ecnu>
- 2) American Board of Radiology (ABR) <http://www.theabr.org/>
- 3) American College of Cardiology (ACC) <http://www.acc.org/>
- 4) American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) <http://www.acnmonline.org/>
- 5) American College of Radiology (ACR) <http://www.acr.org/>
- 6) American Osteopathic Board of Radiology (AOBR) <http://www.aocr.org/>
- 7) American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) <http://www.ardms.org/>
- 8) American Registry of MRI Technologists (ARMRIT) <http://www.armrit.org/index.shtml>
- 9) American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) <https://www.arrt.org/>
- 10) American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC) <http://www.asnc.org/>
- 11) American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) <http://www.aium.org/>
- 12) Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) <http://www.camrt.ca/>
- 13) Federal Drug Administration (FDA), Radiation Emitting Products <http://www.fda.gov/Radiation-EmittingProducts/default.htm>
- 14) International Society of Bone Densitometry (ISCD) <http://www.iscd.org/>
- 15) Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) <http://www.intersocietal.org/intersocietal.htm>
- 16) Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Computed Tomographic Laboratories (ICACTL) <http://www.intersocietal.org/ct/>
- 17) Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL) <http://www.intersocietal.org/echo/>
- 18) Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Magnetic Resonance Laboratories (ICAMRL) <http://www.intersocietal.org/mri/>
- 19) Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Laboratories (ICANL) <http://www.intersocietal.org/nuclear/>
- 20) Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Testing (ICAVL) <http://www.intersocietal.org/vascular/>
- 21) Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) <http://www.fda.gov/Radiation-EmittingProducts/MammographyQualityStandardsActandProgram/Regulations/ucm110906.htm>