

Reimbursement Policy

Title: T-Status Codes	
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Related Policies:	

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Summary:

This policy addresses reimbursement of T-Status Codes per the National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFs).

Policy Statement:

Based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), “There are RVUs and payment amounts for these services, but they are only paid if there are no other services payable under the physician fee schedule billed on the same date by the same provider. If any other services payable under the physician fee schedule are billed on the same date by the same provider, these services are bundled into the physician services for which payment is made.”

Consistent with CMS, Medica will only reimburse a T-Status code if it is billed with no other services on the same date of service by the Same Individual Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional. If a T-Status code is billed with any other service with status indicators A or R, it will be bundled into that payment regardless of modifiers billed.

Code Lists:

36591 – Collection of blood specimen from a completely implantable venous access device
36592 – Collection of blood specimen using established central or peripheral catheter, venous, not otherwise specified
36598 – Contrast injection(s) for radiologic evaluation of existing central venous access device, including fluoroscopy, image documentation and report
94760 – Noninvasive ear or pulse oximetry for oxygen saturation; single determination
94761 – Noninvasive ear or pulse oximetry for oxygen saturation; multiple determinations (eg, during exercise)



96523 – Irrigation of implanted venous access device for drug delivery systems
G0117 – Glaucoma screening for high risk patients furnished by an optometrist or ophthalmologist
G0118 – Glaucoma screening for high risk patient furnished under the direct supervision of an optometrist or ophthalmologist

Definitions:
Same Individual Physician or Other Health Care Professional – The same individual physician or other qualified health care provider reporting the same federal tax identification number.

Q & A:
Q: If more than one T-Status code is billed on the same day, are they all reimbursable?
A: No, Medica will consider reimbursement for the T-Status code with the highest RVU and payment for other T-Status codes will be bundled into that payment.

Resources:
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®)
Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)
National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFs)

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Revision Updates:	
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