

Local Coverage Article: Billing Medicare for the SphenoCath® and Other Similar Devices (A55584)

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General Information

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

Noridian is issuing coding guidance for billing the use of Dolor Technologies SphenoCath® device or other similar delivery devices. To bill for use of these devices use CPT® 64999 as described in CPT Assistant (July 2014. Volume 24, Issue 7, pages 8-9).

Source:

Internet Only Manual, CMS Pub 100-4 - *Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12 - Physicians/Nonphysicians Practitioners, Section 50.K:*

"If the physician performing the medical or surgical procedure also provides the level of anesthesia lower in intensity than moderate sedation, such as a local or topical anesthesia, then the *moderate* sedation code should not be reported and *no separate* payment should be allowed by the A/B MAC (B)."

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Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the article does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

Bill Type Code	Bill Type Description
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999x	Not Applicable
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Revenue Code Revenue Code Description

99999 Not Applicable

CPT/HCPCS Codes**Group 1 Paragraph:**

To bill for this service, enter 64999 in the comment field as listed below with the description Sphenocath® or the name of the delivery device used.

For Part A:

- 2300 loop. NTE segment for the electronic claim
- Form Locator 80 Remarks on the UB04 form

Part B:

- Loop 2400/SV101-7 for the electronic claim or
- Item 19 on the CMS-1500 paper claim form

Do not use CPT® 64400 and/or 64505 to bill for this device.

Group 1 Codes:**Group 1 CPT/HCPCS Code Group 1 CPT/HCPCS Code Description**

64999 UNLISTED PROCEDURE, NERVOUS SYSTEM

ICD-10 Codes that are Covered N/A**ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered** N/A[Back to Top](#)

Revision History Information

Revision History Date	Revision History Number	Revision History Explanation
01/01/2017	R2	Updated the Article Title, Text and Group 1 Paragraph to allow for other approved delivery devices used for Sphenopalatine Ganglion Blocks and updated the IOM Source and quotation in the Article Text.
01/01/2017	R1	CPT® code 64550 changed to 64505 in Paragraph 1 of the CPT/HCPCS Code Section due to typographical error.

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