

New G-Code Update

General Information



- Previously the Imaging CPT code 71250 Computed tomography, thorax; without contrast material was utilized by providers for low dose CT lung cancer screenings.
- New codes G0296:Counseling visit to discuss need for lung cancer screening using low dose CT scan (LDCT) (service is for eligibility determination and shared decision-making) and G0297: Low dose CT scan (LDCT) for lung cancer screening have been added for Medicaid coverage specifically for low dose lung cancer screenings.
 - These codes are added effective January 1, 2016. KEPRO will allow leniency on timelines for this code back to January 1, 2016. Providers should indicate Retrospective Request-Other and indicate code effective back to 1/1/16 in the explanation.
- 71250 will still be available for use, but may only be used for medical concerns other than low dose CT lung cancer screenings.

Code Descriptions



- G0296 – Counseling visit to discuss need for lung cancer screening using low dose CT scan (LDCT) (service is for eligibility determination and shared decision-making)
 - Does not require Prior Authorization and has a one per rolling year limit with a hard cap.
- G0297 – Low dose CT scan (LDCT) for lung cancer screening
 - Will require Prior Authorization with no service limit. Each authorization request will be evaluated for medical necessity.
 - For billing purposes on G0297 the TC modifier has been added to the IDTF/Hospital Contracts. Physicians can bill 26/TC/whole code.

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