

Internal Medicine Coding Alert

Please Payers With Covered Mammogram Diagnosis Codes

Don't differentiate a screening mammography from a diagnostic mammography and then blow it by linking the procedure code to a noncovered diagnosis code.

When ordering a bilateral screening mammogram, 76092 (Screening mammography, bilateral [two view film study of each breast]) or G0202 (Screening mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views), for a low-risk patient, link the procedure code to V76.12 (Other screening mammogram).

For a high-risk patient, link the appropriate screening mammography procedure code to V76.11 (Screening mammogram for high-risk patient). You should also account for any additional pertinent information when applicable with additional ICD-9 V codes, i.e., V10.3 (Personal history of malignant neoplasm; breast), V15.89 (Other specified personal history presenting hazards to health; other) or V16.3 (Family history of malignant neoplasm; breast).

Choosing ICD-9 codes for diagnostic mammograms is not as easy because covered diagnosis codes vary from carrier to carrier. Reliable ICD-9 codes for 76090 (Mammography, unilateral), 76091 (bilateral), G0204 (Diagnostic mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views) and G0206 (Diagnostic mammography, producing direct digital image, unilateral, all views) include but are not limited to:

1. 174.0-174.9 Malignant neoplasm of female breast
2. 198.81 Secondary malignant neoplasm of other specified sites; breast
3. 238.3 Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of other and unspecified sites and tissues; breast
4. 239.3 Neoplasms of unspecified nature; breast
5. 451.89 Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of other sites, other
6. 610.0-611.79 Disorders of breast
7. 611.8 Other unspecified disorders of breast
8. 675.10-675.14 Infections of the breast and nipple associated with childbirth; abscess of breast
9. 675.20-675.24 nonpurulent mastitis
10. 793.80 Abnormal mammogram, unspecified
11. 793.81 Mammographic microcalcification
12. 793.89 Other abnormal findings on radiological examination of breast
13. V10.3 Personal history of malignant neoplasm; breast