

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Hemorrhoid Treatment Codes Hit With Unbeatable Edits

Ten digestive surgery codes become components of hemorrhoidopexy code 46947 starting April 1, and you can only use a modifier to override one of those edits. Also, 46947 becomes a component of six other digestive surgery codes, but you can use a modifier on four of those edits.

Code 46947 becomes mutually exclusive with 46500 (Introduction of sclerosing solution, hemorrhoids), but you can override that edit with a modifier. It's also mutually exclusive with hemorrhoid destruction codes 46934-46936, and a modifier won't help you with that edit.

Another 30 digestive surgery codes become components of 44137 (Removal of transplanted intestinal allograft, complete), but you can override those edits with a modifier.