

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence

Urinary incontinence is identified as one of four common types: stress (625.6), urge (788.31), mixed stress and urge (788.33), or unspecified (788.30). These conditions in females, especially stress incontinence, may be associated with pelvic organ prolapse (618.x); pelvic floor defects as a result of previous gynecological surgery; vaginal births; underlying neurologic, gastrointestinal, or pulmonary disease; smoking; obesity; and occupational and recreational factors. In many cases, these conditions are treated with surgery.