

## **Outpatient Facility Coding Alert**

## Freestanding vs. Hospital-Based Facility Determines DEXA Payment

Location drives your bottom line.

Coding and reimbursement for bone density scans 77080 (Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry [DXA], bone density study, 1 or more sites; axial skeleton [e.g., hips, pelvis, spine]) varies depending on whether you're reporting services for a freestanding outpatient facility or a hospital-based outpatient facility. Here's the latest on how they compare:

