

Billing and Coding Guidelines

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LCD Title

Sacroiliac Joint Injections

Contractor's Determination Number

MS-009

General

1. Procedure code 27096 is to be used only with imaging confirmation of intra-articular needle positioning.
2. If the muscles surrounding the sacroiliac joint are injected in lieu of the joint, then a trigger point injection should be reported and not a sacroiliac joint injection.
3. It is not appropriate to use CPT code 20610, Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection; major joint or bursa (eg, shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa) for SI joint injections.
4. Procedure code 27096 represents a unilateral procedure. If bilateral SI joint arthrography is performed, 27096 should be reported with a -50 modifier.
5. CPT code G0260 should be billed by facilities paid by OPPS.
6. Use CPT code 64999 (Unlisted procedure, nervous system) for pulsed radiofrequency and the denervation procedures of the sacroiliac joint/nerves. Pulsed radiofrequency for denervation is considered investigational and therefore, not medically necessary. Sacroiliac joint/nerve denervation procedures are also considered investigational and not medically necessary.

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