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Destruction of Internal Hemorrhoid(s) by Infrared Coagulation (IRC)

Coding Guidelines

For CPT code **46930** - Destruction of internal hemorrhoid(s) by thermal energy (eg, infrared coagulation, cautery, radiofrequency), only one unit of service should be submitted regardless of the number of sites treated.

Any subsequent or re-treatment during the 90-day global period should not be separately billed.

Therefore, the use of the following modifiers is NOT appropriate: **-58** (Staged or related procedure or service by the same physician during the postoperative period), **-76** (Repeat procedure or service by same physician), **-78** (Unplanned return to the operating/procedure room by the same physician following initial procedure for a related procedure during the postoperative period), and/or **-79** (Unrelated procedure or service by the same physician during the postoperative period).

The evaluation and management (E&M) service that resulted in the initial decision to perform the procedure may have modifier **-57** (Decision for surgery) appended when performed the same or preceding day as the procedure.

Evaluation and management services during the post-operative period related to the IRC procedure(s) should not be separately billed or paid.

This service was previously reported using CPT code **46934** - Destruction of hemorrhoids, any method; internal (**for services rendered prior to 01/01/2009**). CPT code **46930** (Destruction of internal hemorrhoid(s) by thermal energy (eg, infrared coagulation, cautery, radiofrequency) was added to report various thermal energy destruction procedures for hemorrhoids, **effective for services rendered on or after 01/01/2009**.

Other procedure codes used to identify nonthermal hemorrhoid destruction include the following:

- CPT code 46083 – Incision of thrombosed hemorrhoid, external

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- CPT code 46221 – Hemorrhoidectomy, internal, by rubber band ligation(s)
- CPT code 46250 – Hemorrhoidectomy, external, 2 or more columns/groups
- CPT code 46255 – Hemorrhoidectomy, internal and external, single column/group;
- CPT code 46257 – Hemorrhoidectomy, internal and external, single column/group; with fissurectomy
- CPT code 46258 – Hemorrhoidectomy, internal and external, single column/group; with fistulectomy, including fissurectomy, when performed
- CPT code 46260 – Hemorrhoidectomy, internal and external, 2 or more columns/groups;
- CPT code 46261 – Hemorrhoidectomy, internal and external, 2 or more columns/groups; with fissurectomy
- CPT code 46262 – Hemorrhoidectomy, internal and external, 2 or more columns/groups; with fistulectomy, including fissurectomy, when performed
- CPT code 46320 – Excision of thrombosed hemorrhoid, external
- CPT code 46945 – Hemorrhoidectomy, internal, by ligation other than rubber band; single hemorrhoid column/group
- CPT code 46946 – Hemorrhoidectomy, internal, by ligation other than rubber band; 2 or more hemorrhoid columns/groups
- CPT code 46947 – Hemorrhoidopexy (eg, for prolapsing internal hemorrhoids) by stapling

CPT code **46999** (Unlisted procedure, anus) should be used to report the following:

- Destruction of hemorrhoid(s) by cryosurgery
- Hemorrhoidectomy, external, single column/group
- Destruction of hemorrhoid(s) using a method not currently described by an existing CPT code

If multiple services are utilized to treat hemorrhoids at the same patient encounter, only one HCPCS/CPT code describing the most extensive procedure may be reported.

If an abscess is drained during the treatment of hemorrhoids, the incision and drainage is not separately reportable unless the incision and drainage is at a separate site unrelated to the hemorrhoids. In the latter case, the incision and drainage code may be reported appending an anatomic modifier, 59-distinct procedural service or HCPCS modifier XS-separate structure.

Comments

N/A

Revision History

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01/01/2015	1-Based on CMS' Change Request 8863, HCPCS modifier XS-separate structure was added to this code guide. The effective date of this revision is based on date of service.
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