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PIP ALERT

ATTN: Medical Providers/Billing Companies
From: Joseph A. Massood, Esq.
Re: New Epidural Steroid Codes

Effective January 1, 2017, CPT Codes 62310-62319 have been deleted and replaced with the following codes:

1. **CPT Code 62320**: Injection(s) of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) (eg, anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other, solution), not including neurolytic substances, including needle or catheter placement, interlaminar epidural or subarachnoid, cervical or thoracic; **WITHOUT IMAGING GUIDANCE. (Replaced CPT Code 62310)**
2. **CPT Code 62321**: with imaging guidance (i.e., fluoroscopy or CT)
3. **CPT Code 62322**: Injection(s) of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) (eg, anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution), not including neurolytic substances, including needle or catheter placement, interlaminar epidural or subarachnoid, lumbar or sacral (caudal), **WITHOUT IMAGING GUIDANCE (Replaced CPT Code 62311)**
4. **CPT Code 62323**: with imaging guidance (i.e., fluoroscopy or CT)
5. **CPT Code 62324**: Injection, including indwelling catheter placement, continuous infusion or intermittent bolus, of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) (e.g., anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution), not including neurolytic substances, interlaminar epidural or subarachnoid, cervical or thoracic, **WITHOUT IMAGING GUIDANCE (Replaced CPT Code 62318)**
6. **CPT Code 62325**: with imaging guidance (i.e., fluoroscopy or CT)
7. **CPT Code 62326**: Injection, including indwelling catheter placement, continuous infusion or intermittent bolus, of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) (eg, anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution), not including neurolytic substances,

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interlaminar epidural or subarachnoid, lumbar or sacral (caudal), WITHOUT IMAGING GUIDANCE (**Replaced CPT Code 62319**)

8. **CPT Code 62327**: with imaging guidance (i.e., fluoroscopy or CT)

The NCCI edits preclude separate reimbursement for CPT Code 72275, epidurography, and the AMA precludes separate reimbursement for fluoroscopic guidance, CPT Code 77003, when performed with CPT Codes 62321, 62323, 62325, and 62327. However, it may be appropriate to bill your usual and customary rate for CPT Codes 62321, 62323, 62325, and 62327. Although the insurance carrier will seek to cross-walk to new injection codes to the old codes on the fee schedule, Medicare has increased the amount of payment for the new epidural codes probably because they now include the epidurography and fluoroscopic guidance.

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