

Outpatient Surgical Procedures Requiring Certification

The following outpatient surgical procedures require certification through our certification administrator:

Blepharoplasty

Rhinoplasty

Breast implant removal

Scar revision

Breast reduction

Panniculectomy

Surgical treatment of varicose veins

Diagnostic Imaging Procedures Requiring Certification

Type of Exam	CPT Code	Exam Description
Sinus CT/MRI	70480	CT orbit/ear/fossa w/o dye
	70481	CT orbit/ear/fossa w/dye
	70482	CT orbit/ear/fossa w/o & w dye
	70486	CT maxillofacial w/o dye
	70487	CT maxillofacial w/dye
	70488	CT maxillofacial w/o & w dye
	70540	MRI orbit/face/neck w/o dye
	70542	MRI orbit/face/neck w/dye
	70543	MRI orbit/face/neck w/o & w/dye
	Head/Brain CT/MRI	70450
70460		CT head/brain w/dye
70470		CT head/brain w/o & w/ dye
70551		MRI brain w/o dye
70552		MRI brain w/ dye
70553		MRI brain w/o & w/ dye
Chest CT incl. Spiral CT (CAD)		71250
	71260	CT thorax w/dye
	71270	CT thorax w/o & w/ dye
	71275	CT angiography, chest
Spine CT/MRI	72125	CT neck spine w/o dye
	72126	CT neck spine w/dye
	72127	CT neck spine w/o & w/dye
	72128	CT chest spine w/o dye
	72129	CT chest spine w/dye
	72130	CT chest spine w/o & w/dye
	72131	CT lumbar spine w/o dye
	72132	CT lumbar spine w/dye
	72133	CT lumbar spine w/o & w/dye
	72141	MRI neck spine w/o dye
	72142	MRI neck spine w/dye
	72146	MRI chest spine w/o dye
	72148	MRI lumbar spine w/o dye
	72149	MRI lumbar spine w/dye
	72156	MRI neck spine w/o & w/dye
	72157	MRI chest spine w/o & w/dye
	72158	MRI lumbar spine w/o & w/dye
	Shoulder MRI	73221
73222		MRI joint upper extremity w/dye
73223		MRI joint upper extremity w/o&w/dye
PET Scans	78491	Heart image (PET), single
	78492	Heart image (PET), multiple
	78608	Brain imaging (PET)
	78811	Tumor Imaging (PET), limited (chest, head/neck)
	78812	Tumor Imaging (PET), skull-thigh
	78813	Tumor Imaging (PET), full body
	78814	Tumor Imaging PET/CT, limited (chest, head/neck)
	78815	Tumor Imaging PET/CT, skull-thigh
	78816	Tumor Imaging PET/CT, full body

The facility also needs to obtain certification:

- For all observation stays greater than 24 hours (with the exception of an observation stay with a duration of less than 24 hours without room and board charges)
- When HealthChoice is the 2nd or 3rd payer
- When Medicare Lifetime Reserve Days are exhausted