

# Radiation Treatment

## Global and Physician Professional Payment

### Ultrasonic Guidance, Physics, Dosimetry Planning and Management

CPT® / HCPCS Code <sup>1,2</sup>	Description	Place-of-Service Component	RVU <sup>3</sup>	2021 National Average Medicare Rate <sup>4</sup>
G6001	Ultrasonic guidance for placement of radiation therapy fields	Global (Freestanding)	4.49	\$156.67
		Professional (Non-Facility)	0.92	\$32.10
76965	Ultrasonic guidance for interstitial radioelement application	Global (Freestanding)	2.70	\$94.21
		Professional (Non-Facility)	1.94	\$67.69
77014	Computed tomography guidance for placement of radiation therapy fields	Global (Freestanding)	3.62	\$126.31
		Professional (Non-Facility)	1.30	\$45.36
77263	Therapeutic radiology treatment planning; complex	Global (Freestanding)	4.87	\$169.93
		Professional (Non-Facility)	NA	NA
77290	Therapeutic radiology simulation-aided field setting; complex	Global (Freestanding)	14.37	\$501.41
		Professional (Non-Facility)	2.36	\$82.35
77295*	3-dimensional radiotherapy plan, including dose-volume histograms	Global (Freestanding)	14.07	\$490.95
		Professional (Non-Facility)	6.49	\$226.46
77316	Brachytherapy isodose plan; simple (calculation[s] made from 1 to 4 sources, or remote afterloading brachytherapy, 1 channel), includes basic dosimetry calculation(s)	Global (Freestanding)	6.78	\$236.58
		Professional (Non-Facility)	2.12	\$73.97
77336	Continuing medical physics consultation, including assessment of treatment parameters, quality assurance of dose delivery, and review of patient treatment documentation in support of the radiation oncologist, reported per week of therapy	Global (Freestanding)	2.37	\$82.70
		Professional (Non-Facility)	NA	NA
77370	Special medical radiation physics consultation	Global (Freestanding)	3.75	\$130.85
		Professional (Non-Facility)	NA	NA
77470	Special treatment procedure (eg, total body irradiation, hemibody radiation, per oral or endocavitary irradiation)	Global (Freestanding)	3.86	\$134.69
		Professional (Non-Facility)	3.10	\$108.17

\* Medicare's National Correct Coding Initiative includes edits that will not permit payment for 77014 or 77290 if either of these codes are reported by the same physician for the same patient on the same date of service when 77295 is reported.

### Treatment Delivery

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77280	Therapeutic radiology simulation-aided field setting; simple	Global (Freestanding)	8.30	\$289.61
		Professional (Non-Facility)	1.10	\$38.38
77770 <sup>†</sup>	Remote afterloading high dose rate radionuclide interstitial or intracavitary brachytherapy, includes basic dosimetry, when performed; 1 channel	Global (Freestanding)	10.13	\$353.47
		Professional (Non-Facility)	2.95	\$102.93
77771 <sup>†</sup>	Remote afterloading high dose rate radionuclide interstitial or intracavitary brachytherapy, includes basic dosimetry, when performed; 2-12 channels	Global (Freestanding)	17.66	\$616.21
		Professional (Non-Facility)	5.76	\$200.98
77799	Unlisted procedure, clinical brachytherapy	Global (Freestanding)	NA	Determined by contractors
		Professional (Non-Facility)		

<sup>†</sup> Multiple treatment sessions on the same day are generally payable as long as there has been a distinct break between therapy services and the individual sessions are of the character usually furnished on different days. Please follow Medicare and commercial guidelines on the use of modifiers

<sup>‡</sup> The radiation source is included within the high dose rate CPT codes

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2. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes, available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/Alpha-Numeric-HCPCS.html>

3. The 2021 physician relative value units (RVUs) are from the 2021 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule, Addendum B available from the CMS website at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/physicianfeeschedpfs-federal-regulation-notices/cms-1734-f>.

4. The national average 2021 Medicare rates to physicians shown are based on the 2021 conversion factor of \$34,8931 and do not reflect payment cuts due to sequestration. Medicare payment for a given procedure in a given locality in 2021 should be available in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Look-up file accessible through the CMS website at <https://www.cms.gov/apps/physician-fee-schedule/overview.aspx>. Any payment rates listed may be subject to change without notice. Actual payment to a physician will vary based on geographic location and may also differ based on policies and fee schedules outlined as terms in your health plan and/or payer contracts.

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## Facility Payment

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CPT® Code <sup>1</sup>	Description	Place-of-Service Component	APC <sup>4</sup>	Status Indicator <sup>1</sup>	2021 National Average Medicare Rate <sup>4</sup>
76965	Ultrasonic guidance for interstitial radioelement application	Hospital	NA	N	Packaged
		ASC	NA	N1	\$0.00
77014	Computed tomography guidance for placement of radiation therapy fields	Hospital	NA	N	Packaged
		ASC	NA	N1	\$0.00
77290	Therapeutic radiology simulation-aided field setting; complex	Hospital	5612	S	\$338.68
		ASC	NA	Z2	\$172.02
77295*	3-dimensional radiotherapy plan, including dose-volume histograms	Hospital	5613	S	\$1,262.18
		ASC	NA	Z3	\$249.22
77316	Brachytherapy isodose plan; simple (calculation[s] made from 1 to 4 sources, or remote afterloading brachytherapy, 1 channel), includes basic dosimetry calculation(s)	Hospital	5612	S	\$338.68
		ASC	NA	Z3	\$152.64
77336	Continuing medical physics consultation, including assessment of treatment parameters, quality assurance of dose delivery, and review of patient treatment documentation in support of the radiation oncologist, reported per week of therapy	Hospital	5611	S	\$126.87
		ASC	NA	Z2	\$64.44
77387	Guidance for localization of target volume for delivery of radiation treatment delivery, includes intrafraction tracking, when performed	Hospital	NA	N	Packaged
		ASC	NA	N1	\$0.00
77470	Special treatment procedure (eg, total body irradiation, hemibody radiation, per oral or endocavitary irradiation)	Hospital	5623	S	\$542.55
		ASC	NA	Z3	\$24.63

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77280	Therapeutic radiology simulation-aided field setting; simple	Hospital	5611	S	\$126.87
		ASC	NA	Z2	\$64.44
77770 <sup>†</sup>	Remote afterloading high dose rate radionuclide interstitial or intracavitary brachytherapy, includes basic dosimetry, when performed; 1 channel	Hospital	5624	S	\$708.46
		ASC	NA	Z3	\$235.93
77771 <sup>†</sup>	Remote afterloading high dose rate radionuclide interstitial or intracavitary brachytherapy, includes basic dosimetry, when performed; 2-12 channels	Hospital	5624	S	\$708.46
		ASC	NA	Z2	\$359.85
77799	Unlisted procedure, clinical brachytherapy	Hospital	5621	S	\$120.54
		ASC	NA	Z2	\$61.23
C1717 <sup>†</sup>	Brachytherapy source, non-stranded high dose rate iridium-192, per source	Hospital	2646	U	\$334.69
		ASC	NA	H2	\$334.69

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- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes, available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/Alpha-Numeric-HCPCS.html>
- Descriptions of the OPSS Payment Status Indicators for CY 2021 are from the 2021 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System, (OPPS) Final Rule, Addendum D1, accessible at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-system/hospital-outpatient-regulations-and-notices/cms-1736-fc>. The national average 2021 Medicare rates and status indicators for the ambulatory surgical center setting are from the, Addenda AA and BB, accessible at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/ambulatory-surgical-center-payment-final-rule/addenda-dd1>, accessible at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/ambulatory-surgical-center-payment-final-rule/addenda-dd1>.
- The national average 2021 Medicare rates, APC assignment, and status indicator for the hospital outpatient setting are from the 2021 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Final Rule, Addendum B, accessible at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-system/hospital-outpatient-regulations-and-notices/cms-1736-fc>. The national average 2021 Medicare rates and status indicators for the ambulatory surgical center setting are from the, Addenda AA and BB, accessible at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/ambulatory-surgical-center-payment-final-rule/addenda-dd1>.

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### Status Indicator Information<sup>1</sup>

Status Indicator	Explanation
N	Payment is packaged into payment for other services. Therefore, there is no separate APC payment
S	Significant procedure paid as separate APC payment under OPSS. Multiple procedure reduction does not apply
U	Brachytherapy sources paid as separate APC payment under OPSS

### Modifier information<sup>2</sup>

Modifier	Description	Explanation
26	Professional component	Certain procedures are a combination of a physician or other qualified health care professional component and a technical component. When the physician or other qualified health care professional component is reported separately, the service may be identified by adding modifier 26 to the usual procedure number.
59	Distinct Procedural Service	Under certain circumstances, it may be necessary to indicate that procedure or service was distinct or independent from other non-E/M services performed on the same day.
76	Repeat procedure or service by same physician or other qualified health care professional	It may be necessary to indicate that a procedure or service was repeated by the same physician or other qualified health care professional subsequent to the original procedure or service. The circumstance may be reported by adding modifier 76 to the repeated procedure or service. Note: this modifier should not be appended to an E/M service.
77	Repeat Procedure by Another Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional	It may be necessary to indicate that a basic procedure or other qualified health care professional subsequent to the original procedure or service.
XE*	Separate Encounter	A service that is distinct because it occurred during a separate encounter.
XP*	Separate Practitioner	A service that is distinct because it was performed by a different practitioner.

\* Specific Modifiers for Distinct Procedural Services, CMS Transmittal 1422, available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1422OTN.pdf>

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