

Breast Biopsy

Global and Physician Professional Payment

CPT® Code ^{1,2}	Description	Place-of-Service Component	RVU ³	2021 National Average Medicare Rate ⁴
Stereotactic guided breast biopsy				
19081	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; first lesion, including stereotactic guidance	Global (Office/Freestanding)	16.87	\$588.65
		Professional (Facility)	4.80	\$167.49
19082	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; each additional lesion, including stereotactic guidance (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Global (Office/Freestanding)	13.51	\$471.41
		Professional (Facility)	2.41	\$84.09
Ultrasound guided breast biopsy				
19083	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; first lesion, including ultrasound guidance	Global (Office/Freestanding)	16.89	\$589.34
		Professional (Facility)	4.54	\$158.41
19084	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; each additional lesion, including ultrasound guidance (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Global (Office/Freestanding)	13.27	\$463.03
		Professional (Facility)	2.26	\$78.86
MRI guided breast biopsy				
19085	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; first lesion, including magnetic resonance guidance	Global (Office/Freestanding)	25.95	\$905.48
		Professional (Facility)	5.26	\$183.54
19086	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; each additional lesion, including magnetic resonance guidance (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Global (Office/Freestanding)	20.56	\$717.40
		Professional (Facility)	2.63	\$91.77

Additional information: i. The "additional lesion" codes (19082, 19084, 19086) are reported for biopsy of additional lesions within the **same or contra-lateral** breast on the same date of service. *Example: Patient has two lesions in the right breast and is undergoing an ultrasound guided biopsy – code 19083 (1st lesion) and 19084 (2nd lesion).* ii. If two lesions are biopsied using different imaging modalities either in the same or opposite breast, two base codes are assigned, one for each modality. These add-on codes may be assigned only if the same modality is used for additional lesions. iii. In the Hospital Outpatient setting the new breast biopsy "additional lesion" codes are packaged or captured in the primary breast biopsy codes, and only the physician performing the "additional lesion" procedure is reimbursed separately when billing an "additional lesion" code.

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- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes, available at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/physicianfeeschedpfs-federal-regulation-notices/cms-1734-f>
- 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>.
- 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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Stereotactic guided breast biopsy					
19081	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; first lesion, including stereotactic guidance	Hospital	5072	J1	\$1,407.00
		ASC	NA	G2	\$597.23
19082	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; each additional lesion, including stereotactic guidance (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Hospital	NA	N	Packaged
		ASC	NA	N1	Packaged
Ultrasound guided breast biopsy					
19083	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; first lesion, including ultrasound guidance	Hospital	5072	J1	\$1,407.00
		ASC	NA	G2	\$597.23
19084	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; each additional lesion, including ultrasound guidance (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Hospital	NA	N	Packaged
		ASC	NA	N1	Packaged
MRI guided breast biopsy					
19085	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; first lesion, including magnetic resonance guidance	Hospital	5072	J1	\$1,407.00
		ASC	NA	G2	\$597.23
19086	Biopsy, breast, with placement of breast localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet), when performed, and imaging of the biopsy specimen, when performed, percutaneous; each additional lesion, including magnetic resonance guidance (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Hospital	NA	N	Packaged
		ASC	NA	N1	Packaged
Supplies					
A4649	Surgical supply; miscellaneous	Hospital/ASC	NA	N	Packaged
99070	Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician or other qualified health care professional over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (list drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)	Hospital/ASC	NA	B	Not paid under OPPS. May be subject to review for payment by commercial payers.

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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>
- The national average 2021 Medicare rates 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/hospitaloutpatientppshospital-outpatient-regulations-and-notices/cms-1736-fc>. The national average 2021 Medicare rates for the ambulatory surgical center setting are from the 2021 Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Final Rule, Addenda AA and BB, accessible at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/ambulatory-surgical-center-regulations-and-notices/cms-1736-fc>. Any payment rates listed are Medicare national averages that may be subject to change without notice and do not reflect payment cuts due to sequestration. Actual payment to a hospital or ambulatory surgical center 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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Status and Payment Indicator Information¹

Status and Payment Indicator	Explanation
HOPPS Status Indicator	
B	Not paid under OPPS
N	Payment is packaged into payment for other services. Therefore, there is no separate APC payment
J1	Comprehensive APC paid under OPPS; all covered Part B services on the claim are packaged with the primary "J1" service for the claim, except services with status indicator "F", "G", "H", "L" and "U"
ASC Payment Indicator	
G2	Non office-based surgical procedure added to ASC list in CY 2008 or later; payment based on OPPS relative payment weight
N1	Packaged service/item; no separate payment made

1. The OPPS Payment Status Indicators for CY 2021 are from the 2020 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Final Rule, Addendum D1, accessible at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/hospitaloutpatientppshospital-outpatient-regulations-and-notices/cms-1736-fc>. The ASC Payment Status Indicators for CY 2021 are from the 2021 Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Final Rule, Addenda DD1, accessible at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/hospitaloutpatientppshospital-outpatient-regulations-and-notices/cms-1736-fc>.

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