**Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) V. 6.0 User Manual**

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Introduction

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes are used for reporting medical services and procedures performed by physicians. Their purpose is to provide a uniform language that will accurately describe medical, surgical, and diagnostic services, thereby providing an effective means for reliable nationwide communication among physicians, patients, and third parties. This system of terminology is the most widely accepted nomenclature for the reporting of physician procedures and services under government and private health insurance programs.

CPT V. 6.0 provides the software to update the CPT files. The software includes all CPT codes to code outpatient services for reimbursement and workload purposes (as determined by the American Medical Association) and the Common Procedure Coding System from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCPCS). These codes may also be utilized to report inpatient services in certain instances.

In addition to the National CPT and HCPCS codes, the VA also uses the following VA specific HCPCS format codes. These codes are not included in the HCPCS or CPT manuals.

W-CODES (VA NATIONAL CODES)

CPT CODE DESCRIPTION

W0100 GENERAL MEDICAL EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0105 PSYCHIATRY EXAM, PER HOUR, VA FACILITY

W0110 NEUROLOGICAL EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0115 ENT EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0120 OPTHOMOLOGY EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0125 AUDIOLOGY EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0130 ORTHOPEDIC EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0135 CARDIOLOGY EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0140 DERMATOLOGY EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0145 NEUROSURGICAL EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0150 GU EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0155 GI EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0160 PULMONARY EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0200 POW EXAM, VA FACILITY, PER HOUR

W0210 AGENT ORANGE EXAM, VA FACILITY

W0220 SOCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SURVEY, PER HOUR

W0230 PTSD EXAM, VA FACILITY, PER HOUR

W5000 GENERAL MEDICAL EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5010 PSYCHIATRIC EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5015 NEUROLOGICAL EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5020 ENT EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5025 OPTHOMOLOGY EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

CPT CODE DESCRIPTION

W5030 AUDIOLOGY EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5035 ORTHOPEDIC EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5040 CARDIOLOGY EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5045 DERMATOLOGY EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5050 NEUROSURGICAL EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5055 GU EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5060 GI EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5065 PULMONARY EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

W5220 SOCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SURVEY, PER HOUR, NON-VA FACILITY

W5230 PTSD EXAM, NON-VA FACILITY

Related manuals to the CPT User Manual include the CPT Technical Manual, the CPT Installation Guide, and the CPT Release Notes.

Package Management

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Package Operation

**On-line Help**

When the format of a response is specific, there usually is a Help message provided for that prompt. Help messages provide lists of acceptable responses or format requirements which provide instruction on how to respond.

A Help message can be requested by typing one or two question marks. For some prompts, the system will list the possible answers from which you may choose. Any time choices appear with numbers, the system will usually accept the number or the name.

**Option Documentation**

The second portion of the Package Operation Section contains a brief overview of each option followed by an example of the output generated. Each report requires a margin width of 132 columns. The only prompts in each option are device prompts.

**CPT Modifiers by Code Range**

**[ICPT MODIFIERS BY RANGE]**

This option will sort and list all modifiers by range of CPT codes to which they apply. An abbreviated example of this output, which requires a 132 column margin width, is provided below.

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CPT CPT INACTIVE

RANGE RANGE MODIFIER NAME NUMBER FLAG

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10040 69979 20 MICROSURGERY 1

22 UNUSUAL PROCEDURAL SERVICES 3

26 PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT 7

32 MANDATED SERVICES 8

47 ANESTHESIA BY SURGEON 9

50 BILATERAL PROCEDURE 10

51 MULTIPLE PROCEDURES 11

52 REDUCED SERVICES 12

53 DISCONTINUED PROCEDURE 307

54 SURGICAL CARE ONLY 13

55 POSTOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT ONLY 14

56 PREOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT ONLY 15

57 DECISION FOR SURGERY 16

58 STAGED OR RELATED PROC BY SAME PHYS DURING POSTOP PERIOD 17

59 DISTINCT PROCEDURAL SERVICE 308

62 TWO SURGEONS 18

66 SURGICAL TEAM 19

76 REPEAT PROCEDURE BY SAME PHYSICIAN 20

77 REPEAT PROCEDURE BY ANOTHER PHYSICIAN 21

78 RETURN TO OP ROOM FOR RELATED PROC DURING POSTOP PERIOD 22

79 UNRELATED PROC OR SERVICE BY SAME PHYS DURING POSTOP PERIOD 23

80 ASSISTANT SURGEON 24

81 MINIMUM ASSISTANT SURGEON 25

82 ASSISTANT SURGEON (WHEN QUAL RES SURGEON NOT AVAIL) 26

90 REFERENCE (OUTSIDE) LABORATORY 27

99 MULTIPLE MODIFIERS 28

70010 76999 TC TECHNICAL COMPONENT 35

79999 22 UNUSUAL PROCEDURAL SERVICES 3

26 PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT 7

32 MANDATED SERVICES 8

51 MULTIPLE PROCEDURES 11

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58 STAGED OR RELATED PROC BY SAME PHYS DURING POSTOP PERIOD 17

59 DISTINCT PROCEDURAL SERVICE 308

62 TWO SURGEONS 18

66 SURGICAL TEAM 19

**New CPT Codes**

**[ICPT NEW CPT CODES]**

This option will produce a listing of all the new CPT codes that have been added with the most recent CPT update. An abbreviated example of this output, which requires a 132 column margin width, is provided below.

NEW CPT Codes effective Jun 02, 1997 APR 7,1997 09:36 PAGE 1

CPT CODE CPT CATEGORY INACTIVE FLAG

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11010 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

DEBRIDE SKIN, FX DEBRIDEMENT INCLUDING REMOVAL OF FOREIGN MATERIAL ASSOCIATED WITH

OPEN FRACTURE(S) AND/OR DISLOCATION(S); SKIN AND SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUES

11011 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

DEBRIDE SKIN/MUSCLE, FX DEBRIDEMENT INCLUDING REMOVAL OF FOREIGN MATERIAL ASSOCIATED WITH

OPEN FRACTURE(S) AND/OR DISLOCATION(S); SKIN, SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE,

MUSCLE FASCIA, AND MUSCLE

11012 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

DEBRIDE SKIN/MUSCLE/BONE, FX DEBRIDEMENT INCLUDING REMOVAL OF FOREIGN MATERIAL ASSOCIATED WITH

OPEN FRACTURE(S) AND/OR DISLOCATION(S); SKIN, SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE,

MUSCLE FASCIA, MUSCLE, AND BONE

11720 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

DEBRIDE NAIL, 1-5 DEBRIDEMENT OF NAIL(S) BY ANY METHOD(S); ONE TO FIVE

11721 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

DEBRIDE NAIL, 6 OR MORE DEBRIDEMENT OF NAIL(S) BY ANY METHOD(S); SIX OR MORE

15756 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

FREE MUSCLE FLAP, MICROVASC FREE MUSCLE FLAP WITH OR WITHOUT SKIN GRAFT WITH MICROVASCULAR

ANASTOMOSIS

15757 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

FREE SKIN FLAP, MICROVASC FREE SKIN FLAP WITH MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS

15758 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

FREE FASCIAL FLAP, MICROVASC FREE FASCIAL FLAP WITH MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS

20150 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

EXCISE EPIPHYSEAL BAR EXCISION OF EPIPHYSEAL BAR, WITH OR WITHOUT AUTOGENOUS SOFT TISSUE

GRAFT OBTAINED THROUGH SAME FASCIAL INCISION

20956 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

ILIAC BONE GRAFT, MICROVASC BONE GRAFT WITH MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS; ILIAC CREST

20957 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

MT BONE GRAFT, MICROVASC BONE GRAFT WITH MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS; METATARSAL

24149 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

RADICAL RESECTION OF ELBOW RADICAL RESECTION OF CAPSULE, SOFT TISSUE, AND HETEROTOPIC BONE,

ELBOW, WITH CONTRACTURE RELEASE (SEPARATE PROCEDURE)

**Recently Inactivated CPT Codes**

**[ICPT CPT CODES INACTIVE]**

This option will produce a listing of all CPT codes that have been inactivated with the most recent CPT update. An abbreviated example of this output, which requires a 132 column margin width, is provided below.

Recently INACTIVATED CPT Codes effective Jun 02, 1997 APR 7,1997 11:19 PAGE 1

CPT CODE CPT CATEGORY INACTIVE FLAG

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11700 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

SCRAPING OF 1-5 NAILS DEBRIDEMENT OF NAILS, MANUAL;

FIVE OR LESS

11701 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

SCRAPING OF ADDITIONAL NAILS DEBRIDEMENT OF NAILS, MANUAL;

EACH ADDITIONAL, FIVE OR LESS

11710 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

SCRAPING OF 1-5 NAILS DEBRIDEMENT OF NAILS, ELECTRIC GRINDER;

FIVE OR LESS

11711 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

SCRAPING OF ADDITIONAL NAILS DEBRIDEMENT OF NAILS, ELECTRIC GRINDER;

EACH ADDITIONAL, FIVE OR LESS

15755 INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

MICROVASCULAR FLAP GRAFT FREE FLAP (MICROVASCULAR TRANSFER)

20960 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

MICROVASCULAR RIB GRAFT BONE GRAFT WITH MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS;

RIB

20971 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

BONE-SKIN GRAFT, RIB FREE OSTEOCUTANEOUS FLAP WITH MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS;

RIB

25330 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

REVISE WRIST JOINT ARTHROPLASTY, WRIST;

25331 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

REVISE WRIST JOINT ARTHROPLASTY, WRIST;

WITH IMPLANT

26552 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

CONSTRUCT THUMB REPLACEMENT RECONSTRUCTION THUMB WITH TOE

26557 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

CONSTRUCT FINGER REPLACEMENT TOE TO FINGER TRANSFER;

FIRST STAGE

26558 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM INACTIVE CODE

ADDED FINGER SURGERY TOE TO FINGER TRANSFER;

EACH DELAY

**Revised CPT Codes**

**[ICPT REVISED CPT CODES]**

This option will produce a listing of all the CPT codes that have been revised with the most recent CPT update. An abbreviated example of this output, which requires a 132 column margin width, is provided below.

Recently REVISED CPT Codes effective Jun 02, 1997 APR 16,1997 10:33 PAGE 1

CPT CODE CPT CATEGORY INACTIVE FLAG

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00540 INTRATHORACIC

ANESTH, CHEST SURGERY ANESTHESIA FOR THORACOTOMY PROCEDURES INVOLVING LUNGS, PLEURA,

DIAPHRAGM, AND MEDIASTINUM (INCLUDING SURGICAL THORACOSCOPY); NOT

OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

00542 INTRATHORACIC

ANESTH, RELEASE OF LUNG ANESTHESIA FOR THORACOTOMY PROCEDURES INVOLVING LUNGS, PLEURA,

DIAPHRAGM, AND MEDIASTINUM (INCLUDING SURGICAL THORACOSCOPY);

DECORTICATION

00544 INTRATHORACIC

ANESTH, CHEST LINING REMOVAL ANESTHESIA FOR THORACOTOMY PROCEDURES INVOLVING LUNGS, PLEURA,

DIAPHRAGM, AND MEDIASTINUM (INCLUDING SURGICAL THORACOSCOPY);

PLEURECTOMY

00546 INTRATHORACIC

ANESTH, LUNG,CHEST WALL SURG ANESTHESIA FOR THORACOTOMY PROCEDURES INVOLVING LUNGS, PLEURA,

DIAPHRAGM, AND MEDIASTINUM (INCLUDING SURGICAL THORACOSCOPY);

PULMONARY RESECTION WITH THORACOPLASTY

00548 INTRATHORACIC

ANESTH, TRACHEA,BRONCHI SURG ANESTHESIA FOR THORACOTOMY PROCEDURES INVOLVING LUNGS, PLEURA,

DIAPHRAGM, AND MEDIASTINUM (INCLUDING SURGICAL THORACOSCOPY);

INTRATHORACIC REPAIR OF TRAUMA TO TRACHEA AND BRONCHI

01916 RADIOLOGICAL PROCEDURES

ANESTH, HEAD ARTERIOGRAM ANESTHESIA FOR ARTERIOGRAMS, NEEDLE; CAROTID OR VERTEBRAL

20962 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

OTHER BONE GRAFT, MICROVASC BONE GRAFT WITH MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS; OTHER THAN FIBULA, ILIAC

CREST, OR METATARSAL

20969 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

BONE/SKIN GRAFT, MICROVASC FREE OSTEOCUTANEOUS FLAP WITH MICROVASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS; OTHER THAN

ILIAC CREST, METATARSAL, OR GREAT TOE

22845 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE ANTERIOR INSTRUMENTATION; 2 TO 3 VERTEBRAL SEGMENTS

23040 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

EXPLORATORY SHOULDER SURGERY ARTHROTOMY, GLENOHUMERAL JOINT, FOR INFECTION, WITH EXPLORATION,

DRAINAGE, OR REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODY

23044 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

EXPLORATORY SHOULDER SURGERY ARTHROTOMY, ACROMIOCLAVICULAR, STERNOCLAVICULAR JOINT, FOR INFECTION,

WITH EXPLORATION, DRAINAGE, OR REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODY

Glossary

AMA American Medical Association

CPT Current Procedural Terminology

CPT Category Category name associated with a specified CPT code.

HCFA Health Care Financing Administration

HCPCS Health Care Financing Administration’s Common Procedure

Coding System

Modifier Optional identifier that may alter or enhance the description of a

CPT or HCPCS code.

VISTA Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology

Architecture