

New Reimbursement Codes

- In October 2009, the American Medical Association released new CPT® Category I codes (75571-75574) for the Cardiac Computed Tomography (CCT) to become effective on January 1, 2010. The four new codes will be replacing the existing CPT® Category III codes for CCT (0144T-0151T). These codes are to be used when performing these services in the hospital outpatient department, physician office and independent diagnostic testing facility (IDTF) settings. Note that only one code may be reported per service provided.

NOTE: It is imperative that the actual costs of performing CCT/CCTA are captured when performing these services in the Hospital Outpatient setting. We strongly encourage members to work with your hospital to update charge masters. Timely, accurate coding and reporting of costs will assist in bringing the hospital charge masters up to date and therefore, result in a more appropriate payment for CCT/CCTA services in the future.

Below is an overview of the old codes to the new codes.

Table 2010 Cardiac CTA AMA CPT Code Changes

2010 CPT Code	Description	Comments
• 75571	Computed tomography, heart, without contrast material, with quantitative evaluation of coronary calcium	Potential Crosswalk -Replaces 0144T Do not bill with 75572-4.
• 75572	Computed tomography, heart, with contrast material, for evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology (including 3D image postprocessing, assessment of cardiac function, and evaluation of venous structures, if performed)	Potential Crosswalk Replaces 0145T
• 75573	Computed tomography, heart, with contrast material, for evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology in the setting of congenital heart disease (including 3D image postprocessing, assessment of LV cardiac function, RV structure and function and evaluation of venous structures, if performed)	Potential Crosswalk Replaces 0150T
• 75574	Computed tomographic angiography, heart, coronary arteries and bypass grafts (when present), with contrast material, including 3D image postprocessing (including evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology, assessment of cardiac function, and evaluation of venous structures, if performed)	Potential Crosswalk Replaces 0146T-0149T

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