



American Society of Nuclear Cardiology

NEW! Category III Code for Absolute Quantitation of Myocardial Blood Flow in PET

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CPT Category III Code

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HCPCS Modifier	Descriptor	Comment
0482T	Absolute quantitation of myocardial blood flow, positron emission tomography (PET), rest and stress (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	New code effective Jan. 1, 2018. (Use 0482T in conjunction with 78491,78492) (For myocardial imaging metabolic evaluation, use 78459) (For positron emission tomography (PET) myocardial perfusion study, see 78491, 78492)

- Category III CPT codes are created for new and emerging technology and are used to collect data and utilization information. The tracking of category III codes helps substantiate utilization and clinical efficacy. Category III codes are temporary codes and are retired within five years if they are not recognized as Category I codes prior to the end of the five years.
- Payment for Category III codes depends on the status indicator in the Hospital Outpatient Department. 0482T has a status indicator "N" meaning that there is no separate additional payment and payment is packaged into the primary CPT procedure. However, tracking and billing 0482T is vital to establish clinical use and efficacy of quantitation of myocardial blood flow. More important in HOPPS, while the payment may not change today, the data used can and does affect future payment. The category III data will be use in rate setting two years from now. That is why it is important to set an accurate charge and code and bill even if your payment today is not additional dollars.
- Payment for category III codes under the physician fee schedule are generally carrier priced. This means that the decision to cover and how much to pay 0482T is at the discretion of Medicare Administrative Carriers.

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