

## Physician Coding

Physician services are reported with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes. CPT® is a listing of standardized descriptions and five-character, alphanumeric codes that medical coders and billers use to report health care services and procedures to payers for reimbursement. The following tables display CPT codes that may be relevant to pessary fitting and associated physician services.

CPT® Code	Descriptor
57160	Fitting and insertion of pessary or other intravaginal support device
57150	Irrigation of vagina and/or application of medicament for treatment of bacterial, parasitic, or fungoid disease

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## Evaluation and Management Codes

Professional services are those face-to-face services rendered by a physician and reported by a specific CPT® code(s). Physical examination and related services are reported with Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes. Follow up care/visits may be reported with applicable E/M codes. Medical record documentation must support that the complexity of the visit is consistent with the level of E/M code chosen. Refer to the CPT manual for details on E/M coding and for complete code descriptors.

CPT Code	Medium Descriptor: New Patient	CPT Code	Medium Descriptor: Established Patient
99201	Office/outpatient visit, new patient, 10 minutes	99211	Office/outpatient visit, established patient, 5 minutes
99202	Office/outpatient visit, new patient, 20 minutes	99212	Office/outpatient visit, established patient, 10 minutes
99203	Office/outpatient visit, new patient, 30 minutes	99213	Office/outpatient visit, established patient, 15 minutes
99204	Office/outpatient visit, new patient, 45 minutes	99214	Office/outpatient visit, established patient, 25 minutes
99205	Office/outpatient visit, new patient, 60 minutes	99215	Office/outpatient visit, established patient, 40 minutes

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## ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes

Medicare and other payers require that procedures performed must be reasonable and necessary in order for services to be reimbursed. ICD-10 codes are reported to describe conditions, diagnoses, signs, and symptoms associated with a procedure. Each service/procedure billed should be supported by an ICD-10-CM diagnosis code that substantiates the need for the service provided. The selection of ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes is based on the patient’s medical condition. Physicians must document patient diagnoses and procedures thoroughly and accurately.

Common codes that may support medical necessity of a pessary include:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes			
N39.3	Stress incontinence (female) (male)	N81.6	Rectocele
N39.46	Mixed incontinence	N81.81	Perineocele
N39.49	Other specified urinary incontinence	N81.82	Incompetence or weakening of pubocervical tissue
N81.0	Urethrocele	N81.83	Incompetence or weakening of rectovaginal tissue
N81.10	Cystocele, unspecified	N81.84	Pelvic muscle wasting
N81.11	Cystocele, midline	N81.85	Cervical stump prolapse
N81.12	Cystocele, lateral	N81.89	Other female genital prolapse
N81.2	Incomplete uterovaginal prolapse	N81.9	Female genital prolapse, unspecified
N81.3	Complete uterovaginal prolapse	N88.3	Incompetence of cervix uteri
N81.4	Uterovaginal prolapse, unspecified	N99.3	Prolapse of vaginal vault after hysterectomy
N81.5	Vaginal enterocele		

## Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Supply Codes

Pessary supplies may be reported in addition to the fitting and associated procedures.

HCPCS Code	Descriptor
A4561	Pessary, rubber, any type
A4562	Pessary, non-rubber, any type
A4320	Irrigation tray with bulb or piston syringe, any purpose

According to the Medicare DMEPOS Jurisdiction List: pessaries (HCPCS codes A4561, A4562) provided in the physician office should be billed to the Local carrier and not the DME carrier. For a temporary condition, if provided in the physician’s office HCPCA 4320 is incident to the physician’s office and billed to the Local carrier. For a permanent condition, if provided in the physician’s office or other place of service HCPCA 4320 is a prosthetic device and billed to the DME MAC.

### Sources:

- 2017 HCPCS Level II Professional Edition
- 2017 AMA CPT Professional Edition
- International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) 2017
- <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2861CP.pdf>
- <https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Durable-Medical-Equipment-DME-Center.html>

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