



2021 Coding and Reimbursement Guide

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Diaphragm Fitting Procedures

Payments for physician services are established by CPT codes according to a fee schedule. Under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, CPT codes are assigned Relative Value Units (RVUs) which represent the relative amount of physician work, resources and expertise needed to provide services to patients. Payments differ depending upon where the service is provided (facility or non-facility) to accommodate the expenses associated with procedural equipment, personnel, supplies, etc.

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 diaphragm fitting and associated physician services.

CPT® CODE	DESCRIPTOR
57170	Diaphragm or cervical cap fitting with instructions

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-CM 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 an encounter for a diaphragm include:

ICD-10-CM DIAGNOSIS CODES

Z30.018	Encounter for initial prescription of other contraceptives Encounter for initial prescription of barrier contraceptives Encounter for initial prescriptions of diaphragm
Z30.49	Encounter for surveillance of other contraceptives Encounter for surveillance of barrier contraceptives Encounter for surveillance of diaphragm



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Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Supply Codes

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

HCPCS CODE	DESCRIPTOR
A4266	Diaphragm for contraceptive use

According to the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics and Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Jurisdiction List: diaphragm (HCPCS code A4266) provided in the physician office should be billed to the Medicare Administrator Contractor (MAC) and not the DME carrier.

*For a complete list of ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, please consult the 2021 ICD-10-CM codebook. CooperSurgical is not suggesting that the above CPT codes will be covered if you use these ICD codes.

For More Information

Contact the Reimbursement Center at 888.925.8166 or reimbursement@coopersurg.com

Sources:

- 2021 AMA CPT Professional Edition
- Medicare - National Correct Coding Policy Manual, Physician Effective January 1, 2021
- 2021 ICD-10-CM The Complete Official Code Set, Optum 360
- 2021 HCPCS II Expert Optum 360

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