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TO: Diagnostic Facilities Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Jean C. Sullivan, Acting Commissioner
RE: **REVISED LIST OF SERVICE CODES AND DESCRIPTION (1999 and 2000 HCPCS)**

Background

The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy has adopted rates for diagnostic and surgical facilities that are effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2000.

The Division of Medical Assistance (Division) will pay freestanding MRI centers only for the service codes listed in this bulletin. Services must be provided in accordance with standards developed by the American College of Radiology (ACR). The Division will review claims to identify whether the services were provided for the recommended clinical condition based on the ACR appropriateness criteria.

Billing Information

The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy has established a global rate, a professional component rate, and a technical component rate for each MRI or magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) service listed in this bulletin. The Division will pay freestanding MRI centers either the global rate or the technical component rate of the service provided. To bill for the technical component, add the modifier "TC" to the end of the service code on the claim form 5. The Division will pay the professional component of the service to physician providers only.

The Division will not pay freestanding MRI centers separately for paramagnetic contrast material (e.g., gadolinium). Payment for paramagnetic contrast material is considered bundled into the payment for the MRI or MRA service.

**Individual
Consideration**

A number of service codes are designated as I.C. (individual consideration) in the service descriptions of this bulletin. A radiology report with the radiologist interpretation must accompany the freestanding MRI center's claim form when billing for I.C. services. The Division will determine appropriate payment for an individual-consideration service based on the documentation submitted to support the use of the service code. If the documentation is illegible or incomplete, the Division will deny the claim with the appropriate denial code.

**Prior
Authorization**

The Division requires the physician ordering the MRI to obtain prior authorization for those services designated "P.A." in the service descriptions of this bulletin. No payment will be made for these services unless prior authorization has been obtained from the Division before the delivery of services. The Division will not grant retroactive prior authorization requests. A prior authorization determines only the medical necessity of the authorized service and does not establish or waive any other prerequisites for payment such as, but not limited to, member eligibility or the availability of other health insurance payment. To request prior authorization, physicians must follow the billing instructions in Subchapter 5 of the *Physician Manual* (Section 512).

**Service Codes
for Freestanding
MRI Centers**

Freestanding magnetic resonance imaging centers may bill the Division for either the global or technical component of the following MRI/MRA scans.

<u>Service Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
70336	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, temporomandibular joint (P.A.)
70540	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, orbit, face, and neck
70541	Magnetic resonance angiography, head and/or neck, with or without contrast material(s) (I.C.)
70551	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, brain (including brain stem); without contrast material
70552	with contrast material(s)
70553	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences

Service Codes
for Freestanding
MRI Centers
 (cont.)

<u>Service Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
71555	Magnetic resonance angiography, chest (excluding myocardium), with or without contrast material(s) (I.C.)
72141	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, cervical; without contrast material
72142	with contrast material(s)
72146	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, thoracic; without contrast material
72147	with contrast material(s)
72148	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, lumbar; without contrast material
72149	with contrast material(s)
72156	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences; cervical
72157	thoracic
72158	lumbar
72196	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, pelvis
73220	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, upper extremity, other than joint
73221	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, any joint of upper extremity
73720	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, lower extremity, other than joint
73721	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, any joint of lower extremity
73725	Magnetic resonance angiography, lower extremity, with or without contrast material(s) (I.C.)
74181	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, abdomen
74185	Magnetic resonance angiography, abdomen, with or without contrast material(s) (I.C.)
75552	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for morphology; without contrast material

Service Fees

If you wish to obtain a fee schedule, you may purchase Division of Health Care Finance and Policy regulations from either the Massachusetts State Bookstore or from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (see addresses and telephone numbers below). You must contact them first to find out the price of the publication. The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy also has the regulations available on disk. Rates for freestanding magnetic resonance imaging centers are found in 114.3 CMR 18.00: Radiology.

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