

Professional Pricing Policy	
Subject: Three-Dimensional (3D) Radiology Services	
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Disclaimer

These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claims submissions and to outline the basis for allowed amounts for HealthLink members. The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member's benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) codes, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and/or Revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to participating providers and facilities.

If appropriate coding/billing guidelines are not followed, HealthLink and/or its Payors may:

- Reject or deny the claim
- Recover and/or recoup claim payment

These policies may be superseded by provider or State contract language, or State, Federal requirements or mandates.

We strive to minimize delays in policy implementation. If there is a delay, we reserve the right to recoup and/or adjust pricing accordingly to the effective date. HealthLink reserves the right to review and revise its policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to the website. Note: medical claim pricing and processing services provided by HealthLink are available to a payor; however not all payors purchase such services for the benefit plans they sponsor.

Policy

HealthLink considers 3D radiology services to be included in the allowed amount for the imaging study performed. HealthLink considers 3D radiology services to be a technology and technique improvement, enabling computer generated real-time interaction with the image volume dataset that represents an aid to the physician via computer generated real-time study interpretation and decision support. This type of reconstruction may be applied to computer tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), positron emission tomography (PET), other tomographic studies or ultrasound (U/S) studies.

These visual enhancements are considered an elective component of the overall imaging study performed. Therefore, separate enhancements reported with CPT® codes 76376 and 76377 are not separately allowed.

Related Coding

Code	Description	Comments
76376	3D rendering with interpretation and reporting of computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, or other tomographic modality; not requiring image post processing on an independent workstation	Not separately allowed
76377	3D rendering with interpretation and reporting of computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, or other tomographic modality; requiring image post processing on an independent workstation at a later time.	Not separately allowed

Exemptions

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Definitions

Three-dimensional (3D) rendering of imaging studies	Uses multiple thin sections of images and reconstructs them into three-dimensional images which can extract and display anomalies and/or structures to optimize visualization of the pathology.
General Professional Pricing Policy Definitions	

Related Policies and Materials

None

References and Research Materials

<p>This policy has been developed through consideration of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMS• American College of Radiology (ACR)• American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)
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Use of Pricing Policy

This policy is subject to federal and state laws, to the extent applicable, as well as the terms, conditions, and limitations of a member's benefits on the date of service. Pricing Policy is constantly evolving and we reserve the right to review and update these policies periodically.

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