

PROCEDURE CODES: DEVICE MONITORING SERVICES

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This document reflects commonly billed procedure codes used by hospitals or physicians for the reporting of cardiac device monitoring services. This is not an all-inclusive list. The descriptions below are based upon the CPT® short descriptors but may have additional wording included from the CPT long descriptor to differentiate from other procedures with similar short descriptors.

Remote monitoring services often consist of different procedure codes for the different components of a remote monitoring service, with one code representing the professional component (PC) and another code representing the technical component (TC). In person monitoring services are designed as global codes, and may require additional modifiers if only one component is performed. Refer to CPT for specific details and rules. For details on timing of billing for cardiac monitoring services, please see CMS reference MLN SE SE17023.

PACEMAKERS

Device Follow-Up: Pacemakers In Person

□ 93279*	Programming device evaluation; single lead or leadless pacemaker system
□ 93280*	Programming device evaluation; dual lead pacemaker system
□ 93281*	Programming device evaluation; multiple lead pacemaker system
□ 93288*	Interrogation device evaluation; single, dual, or multiple lead or leadless pacemaker system

Remote Pacemaker (Up to 90 days; Do not report if the monitoring period is less than 30 days)

□ 93294	Interrogation device evaluation(s); dual, multiple lead or leadless pacemaker system – PC
□ 93296	Interrogation device evaluation(s); single, dual, multiple lead or leadless pacemaker system – TC

Other Pacemaker Device Evaluations or Electronic Analysis

□ 93286*	Peri-procedural device evaluation (in person) and programming device system parameters before or after a surgery, procedure, or test; pacemaker system
□ 93293*	TTM rhythm strip pacemaker evaluation(s), up to 90 days (Do not report if the monitoring period is less than 30 days)
□ 93724*	Electronic analysis of antitachycardia pacemaker system

IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATORS

Device Follow-up: ICDs In Person

□ 93260*	Programming device evaluation; implantable subcutaneous lead defibrillator system
□ 93261*	Interrogation device evaluation; implantable subcutaneous lead defibrillator system
□ 93282*	Programming device evaluation; single lead transvenous implantable defibrillator system
□ 93283*	Programming device evaluation; dual lead transvenous implantable defibrillator system
□ 93284*	Programming device evaluation; multiple lead transvenous implantable defibrillator system
□ 93289*	Interrogation device evaluation; single, dual, or multiple lead transvenous implantable defibrillator system

Remote ICD (Up to 90 days; Do not report if the monitoring period is less than 30 days)

□ 93295	Interrogation device evaluation(s); single, dual, or multiple lead implantable defibrillator system – PC
□ 93296	Interrogation device evaluation(s); single, dual, or multiple lead implantable defibrillator system – TC

IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATORS, *cont'd.*

Other ICD Device Evaluations

□ 93287*	Peri-procedural device evaluation (in person) and programming device system parameters before or after a surgery, procedure, or test; implantable defibrillator system
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SUBCUTANEOUS CARDIAC RHYTHM MONITOR

Device Follow-up: Subcutaneous Cardiac Rhythm Monitor In Person

□ 93285*	Programming device evaluation; subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor
□ 93291*	Interrogation device evaluation; subcutaneous cardiac rhythm monitor

Remote Subcutaneous Cardiac Rhythm Monitor (Up to 30 days; Do not report if the monitoring period is less than 10 days)

□ 93298	Interrogation device evaluation(s); Subcutaneous Cardiac Rhythm Monitor – PC
□ G2066	Interrogation device evaluation(s); ICM or Subcutaneous Cardiac Rhythm Monitor – TC

IMPLANTABLE CARDIOVASCULAR MONITOR (ICM)

Device Follow-up: ICM In Person

□ 93290*	Interrogation device evaluation; ICM
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Remote ICM (Up to 30 days; Do not report if the monitoring period is less than 10 days)

□ 93297	Interrogation device evaluation(s); ICM – PC
□ G2066	Interrogation device evaluation(s); ICM or Subcutaneous Cardiac Rhythm Monitor – TC

VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES (VAD)

Ventricular Assist Device Interrogation

□ 93750	Interrogation of ventricular assist device (VAD), in person, with physician or other qualified health care professional analysis of device parameters (e.g., drivelines, alarms, power surges), review of device function (e.g., flow and volume status, septum status, recovery), with programming, if performed, and report
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*Service performed in a facility setting (hospital or ASC) may require a –26 modifier that represents professional component only.

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Commonly Used Modifiers:

–26: Professional component (certain procedures are a combination of a physician or other qualified health care professional component and a technical component. When the physician or other qualified health care professional component is reported separately, the service may be identified by adding modifier –26).*

–TC: Technical component (certain procedures are a combination of a physician or other qualified health care professional component and a technical component. When the technical component is reported separately, the service may be identified by adding modifier –TC).*

NOTES

TC: Technical Component

PC: Professional Component

*Service performed in a facility setting (i.e., hospital or ASC) may require a –26 modifier that represents professional component only.

Additional Coding Information:

It is important to refer to the CPT®¹ code descriptions to ensure that a billed code meets the specific requirements defined for each individual code. The local Medicare contractor/payer should be contacted for interpretation of applicable policies. In addition, the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits should be checked.

Cardiac device evaluation CPT codes include both in person and remote monitoring services. Remote monitoring codes represent either a 30- or 90-day monitoring period and there are separate codes for the professional component (PC) and the technical component (TC).

Physician Billing: Remote monitoring services require billing two different CPT codes for an office Place of Service (POS),² when both components of the service are performed by the office. One code represents the professional component (PC) and another code represents the technical component (TC). These code pairs are: CPT 93294 and 93296, 93295 and 93296, 93297 and G2066, and 93298 and G2066. The in person codes are configured as a global code. When the in person device evaluation or interrogation is performed in a facility (hospital) setting, modifier –26 should be appended to the applicable in person code when billing the professional component (PC). This –26 modifier is not applicable for remote monitoring services since there is a separate PC code, CPT 93294, 93295, 93297, and 93298.

The professional component reflects physician time and intensity in furnishing the service, including activities before and after direct patient contact.³

The technical component³ refers to the resources used in furnishing the service, such as office rent, wages of personnel, and other office practice expenses. For remote monitoring, the CPT code description (CPT codes 93296 & G2066) identifies the work involved with remote monitoring technical services, including remote data acquisition(s), receipt of transmissions and technician review, technical support and distribution of results.

Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient Billing: The service is "split-billed" with the professional component (PC) billed on a 1500 (professional claim form), and the technical component (TC, facility fee) is billed by the hospital on a UB-04 claim form.

Physician Supervision Requirements

Cardiac device monitoring services are defined by Medicare as diagnostic services.³ As such, Medicare regulations require specific supervision for diagnostic tests. These are applicable to the technical component of the electronic analysis of implanted cardiac devices. These supervision requirements are in addition to any other Medicare coverage requirements. The Medicare supervision requirements for individual CPT codes are available on the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) lookup function on the Medicare website⁵ or under "PFS Relative Value Files" for 2021.⁴

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Medicare requires:

- General supervision of the technical component for all remote interrogation services and transtelephonic pacemaker monitoring (codes 93296, G2066, and 93293)
- Direct supervision of the technical component for all in person cardiac device evaluations when performed with an office POS

General supervision⁵ means the procedure is furnished under the physician's overall direction and control but the physician's presence is not required during the performance of the procedure. Under general supervision, the training of the non-physician personnel who actually performs the diagnostic procedure and the maintenance of the necessary equipment and supplies are the continuing responsibility of the physician.

Direct supervision⁶ in a hospital (facility) setting means that the physician must be immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure. The physician is not required to be present in the room where the procedure is being performed in this hospital (facility) setting or within any other physical boundary as long as he or she is immediately available.

Medicare diagnostic testing rules state that the supervisor must be a Physician. A Non-Physician Practitioner (NPP) such as a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant cannot supervise staff.⁴

As of January 1, 2021, Medicare allows certain NPPs to supervise diagnostic tests (which includes CIED monitoring) ONLY in states where state law and scope of practice allows it.⁷

These coding suggestions do not replace seeking coding advice from the payer and/or your own coding staff. The ultimate responsibility for correct coding lies with the provider of services. Please contact your local payer for interpretation of the appropriate codes to use for specific procedures. Medtronic makes no guarantee that the use of this information will prevent differences of opinion or disputes with Medicare or other third party payers as to the correct form of billing or the amount that will be paid to providers of service.

Coding, coverage and reimbursement information is available at medtronic.com/crhfreimbursement.

For questions or for more information, please contact Reimbursement Customer Support at 1-866-877-4102 (M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT) or rs.healthcareeconomics@medtronic.com.

References

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- ² Medicare Place of Service (POS) information is located in Chapter 26 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual at: <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c26.pdf>.
New and Revised Place of Service Codes (POS) for Outpatient Hospital effective January 1, 2016: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3315CP.pdf>.
- ³ Publication # 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 13 is located at: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c13.pdf>.
- ⁴ The Medicare supervision requirements are available by accessing the "PFS Relative Value Files" or "Medicare Physician Schedule Look-Up" located at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/index.html>.
- ⁵ Publication # 100-02 Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15 is available at: <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/bp102c15.pdf>.
- ⁶ Publication # 100-02 Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 6 is available at: <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/bp102c06.pdf>.
- ⁷ CY 2021 Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B Payment Policies. Display Copy: <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2020-26815.pdf>. Accessed 12/8/2020.

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