

Coding Policy Policy and Procedure		
SUBJECT: Coding Policy 68.0 Limited Radiographic Studies	DEPARTMENT: Coding Compliance	
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SCOPE:

Providence Health Plan, Providence Health Assurance, Providence Plan Partners, and Ayin Health Solutions as applicable (referred to individually as “Company” and collectively as “Companies”).

APPLIES TO:

Health Plan Practitioners (excludes facilities)
All Lines of Business

POLICY:

Company will reimburse for interpretation of limited comparative radiographic studies (e.g. post-reduction radiographs, post-intubation, post-catheter placement, etc.) at a reduced rate, because a reduced level of interpretive service is provided.

PROCEDURE:

When limited comparative radiographic studies are performed, (e.g. post-reduction radiographs, post-intubation, post catheter placement, etc.), the CPT code for a comprehensive radiographic series should be reported with modifier -52, indicating that a reduced level of interpretive service was provided.

- *Example:* A repeat single view chest x-ray is performed to confirm catheter placement.
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Providence Health Plan Coding Policy 57.0 addresses payment reduction for modifier -52.

REFERENCE:

CMS / Medicare Rules and Regulations
Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)
Providence Health Plan Clinical Coding Edits