

Hospital Outpatient

New Technology Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) for the Surfacer® Inside-Out® Access Catheter System Procedure

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has created a new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code for the Surfacer® Inside-Out® Access Catheter System (Surfacer System) procedure which were effective October 1, 2021.

CMS has assigned this HCPCS code, C9780; *Insertion of central venous catheter through central venous occlusion via inferior and superior approaches (e.g., inside-out technique), including imaging guidance* to New Technology APC 1534.

The use of C9780 is only applicable for procedures performed for Medicare beneficiaries.

Code	Description	Status Indicator	Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC)	2023 Medicare National Average Payment Rate
C9780	Insertion of central venous catheter through central venous occlusion via inferior and superior approaches (e.g., inside-out technique), including imaging guidance.	S*	A1534	\$8,250.50

**Status indicator 'S' represents a significant procedure, and is not discounted when you report multiple CPT codes that group to APCs with multiple 'S' status indicators.*

Medicare payment amounts will vary by locality.

Important note: C9780 is intended to identify the entire Inside-Out procedure as described above and not just the use of the Surfacer System. Hospital charges should reflect all components and devices used during the procedure described by this code.

Possible HCPCS Codes:

- C1752 - Catheter, hemodialysis/peritoneal, short-term
- C1752 - Catheter, hemodialysis/peritoneal, long-term
- C1769 - Guide wire
- C1788 - Port, indwelling (implantable)
- C1889 - Implantable/insertable device for device intensive procedure, not otherwise classified
- C1894 - Introducer/sheath

This information is current as of January 1, 2023 but is subject to change without notice. Amounts do not necessarily reflect any subsequent changes in payment since publication. To confirm reimbursement rates, hospitals should consult with their local Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). Any questions regarding the use of this code or payment for additional procedures performed which are not described by C9780 should be directed to the hospital's local MAC.

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Physician Reimbursement

Potential CPT Codes Associated with the Surfacer® System Inside-Out® Procedure

Providers should select the most appropriate HCPCS/CPT code(s) with the highest level of detail to describe the service(s) rendered to the patient as well as the most appropriate ICD-10-CM diagnosis code(s) to describe the patient's condition. Any questions should be directed to the pertinent local payer.

There are no specific CPT codes which describe all of the steps performed during the Surfacer procedure. Some possible CPT codes which describe portions of the procedure include:

CPT Code	Description	Facility RVUs	2023 Medicare National Average Payment Rate
75825	Venography, caval, inferior, with serialography, radiological supervision and interpretation.	1.57	\$53.20
75827	Venography, caval, superior, with serialography, radiological supervision and interpretation.	1.59	\$53.88
76937	Ultrasound guidance for vascular access requiring ultrasound evaluation of potential access sites, documentation of selected vessel patency, concurrent real-time ultrasound visualization of vascular needle entry, with permanent recording and reporting.	0.42	\$14.23
36010	Introduction of catheter, superior or inferior vena cava.	3.16	\$107.08
Surfacer procedures would most likely include one the CPT codes below since the end result of the procedure is the placement of a central venous access device or cardiac leads.			
36558	Insertion of tunneled centrally inserted central venous catheter, without subcutaneous port or pump; age 5 years or older	7.65	\$259.24
36561	Insertion of tunneled centrally inserted central venous access device, with subcutaneous port; age 5 years or older	9.81	\$332.43
36563	Insertion of tunneled centrally inserted central venous access device with subcutaneous pump	10.79	\$365.64
36589	Removal of tunneled central venous catheter, without subcutaneous port or pump	4.04	\$136.90
33206	Insertion of new or replacement of permanent pacemaker with transvenous electrode(s); atrial	13.47	\$456.46
33207	Insertion of new or replacement of permanent pacemaker with transvenous electrode(s); ventricular	14.14	\$479.17
33208	Insertion of new or replacement of permanent pacemaker with transvenous electrode(s); atrial and ventricular	15.32	\$519.15

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