

## Payment Policy | Fluoroscopy Without Films



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### OVERVIEW

This payment policy documents the coverage for Fluoroscopy without Films. These real-time images allow a physician to study the body part and its motion detail.

### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Prior authorization review is not required.

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial products

CPT codes 76000 and 76001 are covered/separately reimbursed.

#### Commercial Products

CPT codes 76000 and 76001 **are not separately reimbursed** as the codes are considered components of the primary procedure being performed, such as surgery, nonsurgical procedures or, in the case of a hospital, part of the associated charges for operating room and other nonsurgical procedures.

CPT codes 77001, 77002, and 77003 are covered/separately reimbursed for all product lines for professional providers; 77001, 77002, and 77003 are covered and not separately reimbursed for institutional providers.

### MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not Applicable

### BACKGROUND

Fluoroscopy utilizes a continuous x-ray beam which is passed through the body and is transmitted to a fluorescent monitor. These real-time images allow a physician to study the body part and its motion detail. Fluoroscopy is used in procedures such as barium x-rays, cardiac catheterizations, and placement of intravenous catheters.

### COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Evidence of Coverage, Subscriber Agreement for applicable diagnostic testing benefits/coverage.

### CODING

#### Blue CHiP for Medicare

76000      76001

#### Blue CHiP for Medicare and Commercial

77001      77002      77003

### RELATED POLICIES

None

### PUBLISHED

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## REFERENCES

None

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