

A checked box indicates the policy is applicable to that market either entirely, or partially, as indicated within the policy.

Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this policy.

### **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

#### **REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:**

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

#### **EXAMPLES:**

## Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

## Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

## For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

## Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

### For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

## One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

# Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- o For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**Note**: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Commercial Delaware market.

## APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:

Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805									
29806	29807	29819	29820	29821	29822	29823	29824		
29825	29827	29828							
Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830									
29834	29835	29836	29837	29838					
=			='	se Procedure	29840				
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847					
0 04 11	· A ()	<b>.</b>	ъ .	00000					
Group 04: H	-				00040				
29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	29916				
Croup 05, K	naa Arthraa	ony Endo	Daga Draga	Jura 20070					
Group 05: K					00077	00070	00000		
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880		
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887			
Group 06: N	acal/Sinuc S	urgany End	lo Paco Proc	edure 31231					
•		• •				24044	24040		
31233	31235	31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31242		
31243	31253	31254	31255	31256	31257	31259	31267		
31276	31287	31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294		
31295	31296	31297	31298	69705	69706				
				0.4505					
Group 07: La				31505					
31510	31511	31512	31513						
Group 08: La	an manconn	, Endo Bac	a Dragadura	21525					
-	31528	31529	31530		24540	24560	24570		
31527	31320	31329	31330	31535	31540	31560	31570		
Group 09: La	arvnaneconi	. Endo Rasi	a Procadura	31526					
31531	31536	31541	31545	31546	31561	31571			
<b>३।</b> ३३।	3 1330	31341	J 1040	31340	3 1 30 1	313/1			

Group 10: L	aryngoscopy	/ - Endo Base	e Procedure	31575						
31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	42975			
Group 11: Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622										
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634			
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648			
31660	31661	0781T	0782T	01041	01040	010-11	01040			
31000	31001	07011	07021							
-	Group 12: Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191									
43192	43193	43194	43195	43196						
<b>Group 13: E</b> 43198	sophagosco	py, Flexible	Fransnasal -	Endo Base	Procedure 4	3197				
10100										
Group 14: E	sophagosco	py - Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 43200						
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206	43211	43212	43213			
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229			
43231	43232									
Group 15: UGI Endoscopy Including Esophagus - Endo Base Procedure 43235										
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	43241			
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249			
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259			
43266	43270	43290	43291	43497	0813T	70201	70200			
43200	43270	43230	40231	40431	00131					
Group 16: E	indoscopic C	holangiopan	cretography	r - Endo Base	e Procedure	43260				
43261	43262	43263	43264	43265	43274	43275	43276			
43277	43278									
Group 17: S	mall Bowel E	ndoscony -	Endo Rasa I	Procedure 44	360					
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369	44370	44372			
44373	44000	44004	44303	44300	44303	44370	77012			
Group 18: S	Small Bowel E	ndoscony a	nd Ilieum - F	indo Raca Dr	ocedure M3	176				
44377	44378	44379	na mount * L	ao base i i	Journal TT	,, ,				
44011	77070	77073								
Group 19: S	mall Bowel E	ndoscopy th	rough Stom	na – Endo Ba	se Procedui	e 44380				
44381	44382	44384	_							
Group 20: C	Colonoscopy	Through Sto	ma - Endo P	Base Procedu	ıre 44388					
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403			
44404	44405	44406	44407	44408	TTT <b>U</b> I	777 <b>0</b> 2	77 <b>7</b> 00			
44404	<del>444</del> 00	44400	<del>111</del> 0 <i>1</i>	<del>111</del> 00						

Group 21: Pi	roctosigmoid	loscopy - En	do Base Pro	ocedure 4530	0					
45303	45305	45307	45308	45309	45315	45317	45320			
45321	45327									
Group 22: Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330										
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340			
45341	45342	45346	45347	45349	45350					
Group 23: Co	- <del>-</del>	<del>-</del>								
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388			
45389	45390	45391	45392	45393	45398					
0 04 4	_		1 400	00						
Group 24: A					10010	10011	40040			
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608	46610	46611	46612			
46614	46615									
Group 25: Bi	liary Endosc	ony - Endo I	Rase Proced	lura 47552						
47553	47554	47555	47556	IUIC 47002						
47000	77007	47000	47000							
Group 26: La	aparoscopy -	End Base P	rocedure 49	320						
38570	38571	38572	38573	49321	49322	49323	49324			
49325	58541	58550	58660	58661	58662	58670	58671			
58672	58673									
Group 27: Ro	enal Endosco	opy via Neph	rostomy/Py	elostomy - E	ndo Base Pi	rocedure 50	551			
50555	50557	50561								
Group 28: Ro				-	ndo Base Pr	ocedure 50	570			
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580						
Group 20, H	rotorol Endor	soony vio Hr	otorootomy	Endo Poso	Drooduro 6	:0054				
<b>Group 29: U</b> 50953	50955	50957	50961	- Eliuo Dase	Procedure 3	10331				
50955	30933	30937	30901							
Group 30: U	reteral Endos	scopy via Ur	eterotomy -	Endo Base P	rocedure 50	970				
50974	50976	, copj 11 c.								
Group 31: C	ystourethros	copy - Endo	Base Proce	dure 52000						
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204	52214	52224	52234			
52235	52240	52250	52260	52265	52270	52275	52276			
52277	52281	52282	52283	52284	52285	52287	52290			
52300	52301	52305	52310	52315	52317	52318	52320			
52325	52327	52330	52332	52334	52341	52342	52343			
52344	52400	52402	52441							

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

**Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452** 

57454 57455 57456 57460 57461

Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

**Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710** 

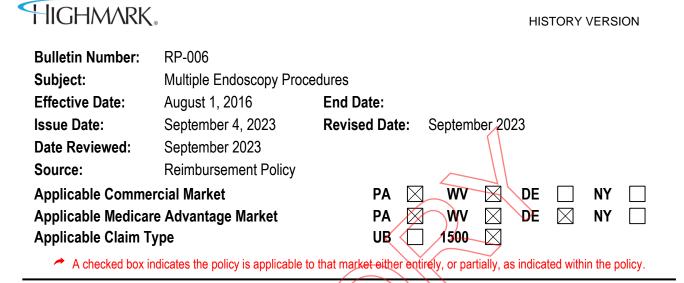
66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

0653T 0654T

## POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

8 / 2016	Implementation
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to base code 45350 and 38573 added to base code 49320. Code
1 / 2010	43235 was corrected to the appropriate endo base code 52000.
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,
1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added
1 / 2021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes.
1 / 2022	Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575.
4 / 2022	Added code 43497 to endo base 43235
1 / 2023	Added code 43290 and 43291 to endo base 43235
9 / 2023	Administrative update. No changes in policy direction.
1 / 2024	Added 31242 and 31243 to endo base 31231. Added 52284 to endo base 52000. Added
1 / 2024	0813T to endo base 43235. Added 0781T and 0782T to endo base 31622.



Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this policy.

### **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

## REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

#### **EXAMPLES:**

## Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

## Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

## For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the other groups

- o Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

## Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

## For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

## One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

# Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- o For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**Note**: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Commercial Delaware market.

## **APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:**

Group 01:	Shoulder A	Arthroscopy	/Surgery -	Endo Base	Procedure	29805	
29806	29807	29819	29820	29821	29822	29823	29824
29825	29827	29828					•
Group 02:	Elbow Arti	hroscopy/Sเ	urgery - En	do Base Pro	ocedure 29	330	
29834	29835	29836	29837	2 <mark>98</mark> 38		>	
				> //	))		
=		roscopy/Su	/ . \		cedure 298	40	
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847			
-	-	scopy - End					
29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	29916		
		, ( )	_ //				
		roscopy - E					
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887	
-	Nasal/Sint	ıs Surgery -	Endo Base	Procedure	e 31231		
31233	31235	31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31253
31254	31255		31257		31267	31276	31287
31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294	31295	31296
31297	31298	69705	69706				
-	Laryngoso	copy - Endo	Base Proc	edure 3150	5		
31510	31511	31512	31513				
-		copy - Endo					
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570

Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

31531	31536	31541	31545	31546	31561	31571			
Croup 40.	Lammanaaa	mu Enda F	) Duo	J 24575					
-	Laryngosco				04570	04570	40075		
31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	42975		
			_						
-	Bronchosco								
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634		
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648		
31660	31661								
Group 12:	Esophagoso	copy, Rigid	Transoral -	Endo Base	Procedure	43191			
43192	43193	43194	43195	43196					
					~	_ \\			
Group 13:	Esophagoso	copy, Flexib	ole Transna	sal - Endo E	Base Proce	dure 43197			
43198							>		
					// ),	)	•		
Group 14:	Esophagoso	copy - Endo	Base Proc	edure 4320	0				
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206	43211	43212	43213		
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229		
43231	43232		^						
Group 15:	15: UGI Endoscopy Including Esophagus - Endo Base Procedure 43235								
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	43241		
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249		
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259		
43266	43270	43290	43291	43497					
.0200	.02.0								
Group 16:	Endoscopic	Cholangio	pancretogra	aphy - Endo	Base Prod	edure 4326	0		
-	43262	, , –, ·	_						
43277	43278	70200	10201	10200	1027 1	10210	10270		
10277	10210	<b>,</b>							
Group 17:	Small Bowe	Pndoscon	v - Endo Ba	se Drocedi	ıra //360				
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369	44370	44372		
44373	44303	ттоот	TT303	<del>11</del> 000	TT303	T-010	TT012		
44373									
Group 18:	Small Bowe	l Endoscon	v and Iliour	n - Endo Ba	eo Drocodi	ıro 11376			
44377	44378	44379	y and meur	II - LIIUO Da	ise Floceut	116 44370			
44377	44370	44379							
Croup 10.	Cmall Daws	l Endosoon	v through C	Stome En	do Doos Dr	aaadura 443	200		
-	Small Bowe	-	y uirougii s	otoma – Em	JO Dase Pi	ocedure 443	000		
44381	44382	44384							
Onor 00-	Calamasas	Thus	Ctome F:-	da Dass P	a a aduma 144	200			
-	Colonoscop	-					44400		
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403		
44404	44405	44406	44407	44408					

Group 21:	Proctosign	noidoscopy	- Endo Bas	se Procedui	re 45300		
45303	45305	45307	45308	45309	45315	45317	45320
45321	45327						
Group 22-	Sigmoidoso	copy - Endo	Base Proc	edure 4533	0		
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340
45341	45342	45346	45347	45349	45350		
Group 23:	Colonosco	py through	Rectum – I	Endo Base	Procedure -	45378	
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388
45389	45390	45391	45392	45393	45398		
						\\	
Group 24:	Anoscopy	- Endo Base	Procedure	e 46600	4		
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608	46610	46611	46612
46614	46615					)	
Group 25:	Biliary End	loscopy - En	do Base P	rocedure 4	7552		
47553	47554	47555	47556		////	>	
				. ((	)) `		
Group 26:	Laparosco	py - End Bas	se Procedu	re 49320			
38570	38571	38572	38573	49321	49322	49323	49324
49325	58541	58550	58660	58661	58662	58670	58671
58672	58673		$\Rightarrow$	10000	00002	000.0	000.
Group 27:	Renal Endo	oscopy via N	lephrostor	ny/Pyelosto	my - Endo	Base Proce	edure
50551					•		
50555	50557	50561					
	^	$\rightarrow$	$\rangle$				
	Renal End	scopy via N	lepthroton	ny/Pyelosto	my - Endo	Base Proce	dure
50570		\					
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580			
		•					
•	Ureteral Er	idoscopy via	a Ureterost	tomy - Endo	Base Prod	edure 5095	51
50953	50955	50957	50961				
Group 30:	Ureteral Er	idoscopy via	a Ureteroto	my - Endo	Base Proce	edure 50970	)
50974	50976						
•	_	roscopy - E			52000		
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204	52214	52224	52234
52235	52240	52250	52260	52265	52270	52275	52276
52277	52281	52282	52283	52285	52287	52290	52300
52301	52305	52310	52315	52317	52318	52320	52325

52327	52330	52332	52334	52341	52342	52343	52344
52400	52402	52441					

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure

52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

**Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452** 

57454 57455 57456 57460 57461

**Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555** 

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

0653T 0654T

## POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

8 / 2016	Implementation
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to family base code 45350 and 38573 added to family base code
1 / 2010	49320. Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate base code 52000.
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,
1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 3125 <del>3</del> , 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base family 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added
1 / 2021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes.
1 / 2022	Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575.
4 / 2022	Added code 43497 to endo base family 43235
1 / 2023	Added code 43290 and 43291 to endo base family 43235
9 / 2023	Administrative update. No changes in policy direction.



## REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

#### **EXAMPLES:**

## Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

## Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

## For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the other groups

- o Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

## Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

## For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

## One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

# Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- o For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**Note**: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

## **APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:**

•		A 41	10			1		
-		Arthroscopy				1 1	00004	
29806	29807	29819	29820	29821	29822	29823	29824	
29825	29827	29828						
					(( )L	_		
Group 02:	Elbow Art	hroscopy/Su	urgery - En		ocedure 29	830		
29834	29835	29836	29837	29838				
				$\nearrow$ ((	))			
Group 03:	Wrist Arth	roscopy/Su	rgery - End	o Base Pro	cedure 298	40		
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847				
Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860								
29861	29862	29863	<del>29</del> 914	29915	29916			
			$\setminus \smile \setminus$					
Group 05:	Knee Arth	rescopy - E	ndo Base P	rocedure 2	9870			
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880	
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887		
Group 06:	Nasal/Sin	us Surgery -	Endo Base	e Procedure	31231			
31233	31235	31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31253	
31254	31255	31256	31257	31259	31267	31276	31287	
31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294	31295	31296	
31297	31298	69705	69706					
0.20.	01200	00100	00.00					
Group 07:	Larvngos	copy - Endo	Base Proc	edure 3150:	5			
31510	31511	31512	31513		•			
01010	01011	01012	31010					
Group 08.	Larvngos	copy - Endo	Base Proc	edure 3152	5			
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570	
01021	01020	01020	01000	01000	01070	01000	01070	

Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

31531	31536	31541	31545	31546	31561	31571			
Group 10:	Laryngosco	ny - Endo E	Raca Draca	duro 31575					
31572	31573	<b>эру - Епао с</b> 31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	42975		
31372	31373	31374	31370	31377	31370	31379	42973		
Group 11:	Bronchosco	ny - Endo I	Rasa Droca	dura 31622					
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634		
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648		
31660	31661	31030	31040	31041	31043	31041	31040		
31000	31001								
Group 12:	Esophagos	copv. Rigid	Transoral -	Endo Base	Procedure	43191			
43192	43193	43194	43195	43196					
Group 13: Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197									
43198					~	$\mathcal{M}$			
						7			
Group 14:	Esophagos	copy - Endo	Base Prod	edure 4320	/ //	$\Diamond$			
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206	43211	<del>4</del> 3212	43213		
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229		
43231	43232			((	// >				
				> ((	<i>))</i>				
Group 15:	<b>UGI Endosc</b>	opy Includi	ing Esopha	gus - E <del>ndo</del>	Base Proce	edure 43235	5		
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	43241		
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249		
43250	43251	43252	43253)	43254	43255	43257	43259		
43266	43270	43290	43291	43497					
Group 16:	Endoscopio	Cholangio	pancretogr	aphy - Endo	Base Prod	cedure 4326	60		
43261	43262	43263	43264	43265	43274	43275	43276		
43277	43278	$\Diamond$							
-	Small Bowe	•	-						
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369	44370	44372		
44373									
_									
•	Small Bowe	-	y and Ilieui	m - Endo Ba	se Procedi	ure 44376			
44377	44378	44379							
0 40	0 UD		41 1.4	S. F		1 44	000		
-	Small Bowe	-	y through a	Stoma – En	do Base Pr	oceaure 44.	380		
44381	44382	44384							
Group 20.	Colonossan	w Through	Stoma En	do Basa Dr	oooduro AA	200			
44389	Colonoscop 44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	3 <b>66</b> 44402	44403		
					<del>444</del> 01	44402	44403		
44404	44405	44406	44407	44408					

Group 21:	Proctosig	moidoscopy	- Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 45300		
45303	45305	45307	45308	45309	45315	45317	45320
45321	45327						
Group 22-	Sigmoidos	scopy - Endo	Base Prod	cedure 4533	30		
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340
45341	45342	45346	45347	45349	45350		
Group 23:	Colonosc	opy through	Rectum -	Endo Base	Procedure	45378	
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388
45389	45390	45391	45392	45393	45398		
Group 24:	Anoscopy	/ - Endo Bas	e Procedur	e 46600		$\Lambda$	
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608	46610	46611	46612
46614	46615					7	
Group 25:	Biliary En	doscopy - E	ndo Base F	Procedure 4	7552/	$\supset$	
47553	47554	47555	47556				
					$// \nearrow$		
Group 26:	Laparosc	opy - End Ba	se Proced	ure 49320	))		
38570	38571	38572	38573	49321	49322	49323	49324
49325	58541	58550	58660	58661	58662	58670	58671
58672	58673			$\rightarrow$			
		^		)			
Group 27:	Renal End	doscopy via	Nephrosto	my/Pyelosto	omy - Endo	Base Proce	edure
50551							
50555	50557	50561	$\nearrow$				
			<b>V</b>				
	Renal End	doscopy	Nepthrotor	ny/Pyelosto	my - Endo	Base Proce	edure
50570	50574	F0F7F	50570	50500			
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580			
0 00		. ,			<b>D D</b>	. 500/	-4
•		ndoscopy vi		tomy - End	o Base Prod	cedure 509:	01
50953	50955	50957	50961				
•							
-		ndoscopy v	a Ureterote	omy - Endo	Base Proce	eaure 50970	)
50974	50976						
Onour 24:	Cuntaine	lbuooos F	Inda Das-	Duana duu-	E2000		
-	-	throscopy - E				E0004	E0024
52001	52005 52240	52007	52010	52204 52265	52214	52224	52234 52276
52235	52240	52250	52260	52265	52270	52275	52276
52277	52281	52282	52283	52285 52217	52287	52290	52300
52301	52305	52310	52315	52317	52318	52320	52325

52327	52330	52332	52334	52341	52342	52343	52344
52400	52402	52441					

## Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure

52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

**Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452** 

57454 57455 57456 57460 57461

**Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555** 

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

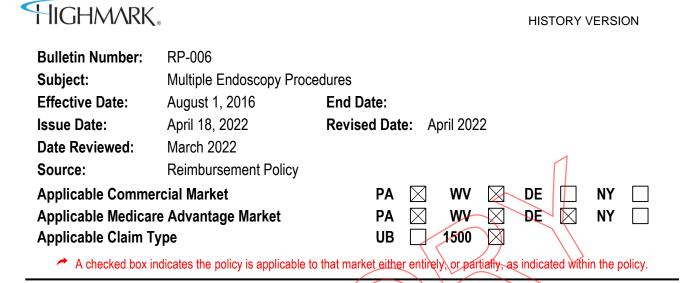
66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 06521

0653T 0654T

## POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

8 / 2016	Implementation
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to family base code 45350 and 38573 added to family base code 49320. Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate base code 52000.
1 / 2020	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239, 31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288, 31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.
1 / 2021	Added codes 89705 and 69706 to endo base family 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added new header with expanded regional checkboxes.
1 / 2022	Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575.
4 / 2022	Added code 43497 to endo base family 43235
1 / 2023	Added code 43290 and 43291 to endo base family 43235



Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this policy.

### **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

## REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

#### **EXAMPLES:**

## Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

## Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

## For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

## Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

## One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**Note**: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

#### **APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:** Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805 Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830 Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840 Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860 Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870 **Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231 Group 07: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505** Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

**Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526** 

31531	31536	31541	31545	31546	31561	31571	
Group 10.	Lanungaaa	ony Endol	Daga Draga	dura 24575			
-	Laryngosco					24570	4007E
31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	42975
0	Duanahasa	anne Franka l	D D	.d 24022			
-	Bronchosc					04004	04004
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648
31660	31661						
		<b>5</b>				10101	
-	Esophagos				e Procedure	e 43191	
43192	43193	43194	43195	43196			1
0 40		<b>-</b>			D D	1 40407	
=	Esophagos	сору, гіехіі	ole Transna	isai - Endo	Base Proce	dure 43197	
43198							$\geq 1$
Croup 14.	Faanhagaa	oony Ende	Daga Dra	dura 1220	n //		
•	Esophagos				\ \	12012	42042
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206	43211	43212	43213
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229
43231	43232			> ((	) )		
0 45				//		1 4000	_
-	UGI Endos			<u> </u>			
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	43241
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259
43266	43270	43497					
Group 16:	Endoscopi	ç Cholangio	pancretogr	aphy - End	o Base Pro	cedure 4320	60
43261	43262	43263	43264	43265	43274	43275	43276
43277	43278						
Group 17:	Small Bowe	el Endoscop	y - Endo B	ase Proced	ure 44360		
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369	44370	44372
44373							
Group 18:	Small Bow	el Endoscop	y and Ilieu	m - Endo B	ase Proced	ure 44376	
44377	44378	44379					
Group 19:	Small Bowe	el Endoscop	y through	Stoma – En	do Base Pr	ocedure 44	380
44381	44382	44384					
Group 20:	Colonosco	py Through	Stoma - Er	ndo Base Pr	ocedure 44	388	
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403
44404	44405	44406	44407	44408			

<b>Group 21:</b> 45303 45321	<b>Proctosigm</b> 45305 45327	oidoscopy 45307	- <b>Endo Bas</b> o 45308	e Procedure 45309	<b>45300</b> 45315	45317	45320
Group 22.	Sigmoidosc	ony - Endo	Rase Proce	dure 45330			
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340
45341	45342	45346	45347	45349	45350	10000	10010
10011	4004Z	10010	10011	40040	40000		
Group 23:	Colonosco	ov through F	Rectum – E	ndo Base P	rocedure 4	5378	
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388
45389	45390	45391	45392	45393	45398		
							1
Group 24:	Anoscopy -	Endo Base	Procedure	46600			
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608	46610	46611	46612
46614	46615						~ (
Group 25:	Biliary End	oscopy - En	do Base Pr	ocedure 47	552	/	
47553	47554	47555	47556				>
				)	///	\\	
Group 26:	Laparoscop	y - End Bas	se Procedur	e 49320	) )		
38570	38571	38572	38573	49321	49322	49323	49324
49325	58541	58550	58660	58661	58662	58670	58671
58672	58673						
		1					
-	Renal Endo	scopy via N	lephrostom	y/Pyelostor	ny - Endo E	Base Proced	dure
50551							
50555	50557	50561					
	<u> </u>			<b>/</b> 5			
	Renal Endo	scopy via N	lepthrotomy	//Pyelostom	ıy - Endo B	ase Proced	ure
<b>50570</b> 50572	50574	E0E7E	E0E76	EUEOU			
30372	30374	50575	50576	50580			
Group 20:	Ureteral En	doscopy vis	Urotoroeta	my - Endo	Raco Proce	dura 50051	
50953	50955	50957	50961	nily - Liluo	Dase Floce	-uui <del>c</del> 3033 i	
30333	30333	30331	30301				
Group 30:	Ureteral En	doscony via	Ureterotor	ny - Endo B	ase Proced	lure 50970	
50974	50976	accopy vic		ily Lildo D	430 1 10000	aure 00010	
30374	50570						
Group 31.	Cystoureth	roscony - Fi	ndo Base P	rocedure 52	2000		
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204	52214	52224	52234
52235	52240	52250	52260	52265	52270	52275	52276
52277	52281	52282	52283	52285	52287	52290	52300
52301	52305	52310	52315	52317	52318	52320	52325
02001							

52327	52330	52332	52334	52341	52342	52343	52344
52400	52402	52441					

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure

52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

**Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452** 

57454 57455 57456 57460 57461

**Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555** 

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

**Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710** 

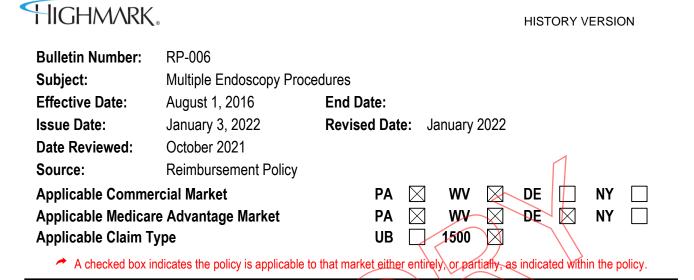
66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

0653T 0654T

## POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION;

8 / 2016	Implementation
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to family base code 45350 and 38573 added to family base code
1 / 2010	49320. Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate base code 52000.
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,
1 / 2020	<b>3124</b> 0, <b>31241</b> , <b>31253</b> , <b>31254</b> , <b>31255</b> , <b>31256</b> , <b>31257</b> , <b>31259</b> , <b>31267</b> , <b>31276</b> , <b>31287</b> , <b>31288</b> ,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base family 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added
112021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes.
1 / 2022	Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575.
4 / 2022	Added code 43497 to endo base family 43235



Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this policy.

### **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

## REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

#### **EXAMPLES:**

## Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

## Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

## For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

## Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

## One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

**APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:** 

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**Note**: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

#### Group 01: Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805 Group 02: Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830 Group 03: Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840 Group 04: Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860 Group 05: Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870 **Group 06: Nasal/Sinus Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 31231**

## Group 09: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

**Group 07: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505** 

Group 08: Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

31531	31536	31541	31545	31546	31561	31571	
Croup 10.	Laminasasas	ny Endal	Daga Draga	dura 24575			
-	Laryngosco				04570	04570	40075
31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	42975
Group 11:	Bronchosco	opy - Endo	Base Proce	dure 31622			
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634
31635		31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	
	31636	31030	31040	31041	31043	31047	31648
31660	31661						
Group 12:	Esophagos	copy, Rigid	Transoral	- Endo Base	e Procedure	e 43191	
43192	43193	43194	43195	43196			
							$\Box$
Group 13:	<b>Esophagos</b>	copy, Flexi	ble Transna	sal - Endo	Base Proce	dure 43197	
43198							$\square$
•	Esophagos	• •			\ \		
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206	<del>-43</del> 211\\	43212	43213
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229
43231	43232			2 [[	///	\ \	
					))		
Group 15:	<b>UGI</b> Endosc	copy Includ	ing Esopha	gus - Endo	Base Proce	edure 4323	5
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	43241
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259
43266	43270						
10200	102/0	$// \subset$					
Group 16:	Endoscopio	: Cholangio	pancretogr	aphy - Ende	o Base Prod	cedure 4326	50
43261	43262	<b>\</b>		43265			43276
43277	43278	10200	10201	40200	40214	40210	40270
70211	49210						
Group 17:	Small Bowe	el Endoscor	y - Endo B	ase Proced	ure 44360		
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369	44370	44372
44373							-
Group 18:	Small Bowe	el Endoscor	y and Ilieu	m - Endo Ba	ase Proced	ure 44376	
44377	44378	44379	•				
Group 19:	Small Bowe	el Endoscor	y through	Stoma – En	do Base Pr	ocedure 44	380
44381	44382	44384	_				
Group 20:	Colonosco	y Through	Stoma - En	ido Base Pr	ocedure 44	388	
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403
44404	44405	44406	44407	44408			

<b>Group 21:</b> 45303 45321	Proctosigm 45305 45327	noidoscopy 45307	- <b>Endo Bas</b> e 45308	e Procedure 45309	<b>45300</b> 45315	45317	45320
Group 22-	Sigmoidoso	ony - Endo	Rase Proce	dura 15330			
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340
45341	45342	45346	45347	45349	45350	40000	43340
40041	40042	40040	40047	40040	40000		
Group 23:	Colonosco	py through I	Rectum – E	ndo Base P	rocedure 4	5378	
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388
45389	45390	45391	45392	45393	45398		
							$\Box$
Group 24:	Anoscopy -	- Endo Base	Procedure	46600		^	
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608	46610	46611	46612
46614	46615						
-	Biliary End			ocedure 47	552		
47553	47554	47555	47556				
	_		_//	> []	)))		
=	Laparosco	=		\ \	10000	10000	10001
38570	38571	38572	38573	49321	49322	49323	49324
49325	58541	58550	58660	58661	58662	58670	58671
58672	58673						
Group 27:	Renal Endo	oceany via N	lankractom	v/Dvoloctor	my Endo E	Paca Proces	duro
50551	Keliai Liiud	scopy via iv	iepriiostoiii	y/F y <del>e</del> lostol	ily - Liluo L	Dase Fluce	uui <del>C</del>
50555	50557	50561					
	00001	3003.					
Group 28:	Renal Endo	scopy via N	lepthrotom	y/Pyeloston	ny - Endo B	ase Proced	ure
50570				-			
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580			
•	Ureteral En			omy - Endo	Base Proce	edure 50951	
50953	50955	50957	50961				
0	Hastens I Fo			F. d. B		J 50070	
•	Ureteral En	idoscopy via	a Ureterotoi	my - Endo B	sase Proced	dure 50970	
50974	50976						
Group 31.	Cystoureth	roscony - E	ndo Raca D	rocedure 51	2000		
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204	52214	52224	52234
52235	52240	52250	52260	52265	52270	52275	52276
52277	52240	52282	52283	52285	52270	52275	52300
	UZZUI	ULLUL	ULLUJ	47704	.17 / (11	. 17 7 . 11 1	
52301	52305	52310	52315	52317	52318	52320	52325

52327	52330	52332	52334	52341	52342	52343	52344
52400	52402	52441					

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure

52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

**Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452** 

57454 57455 57456 57460 57461

**Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555** 

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

**Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710** 

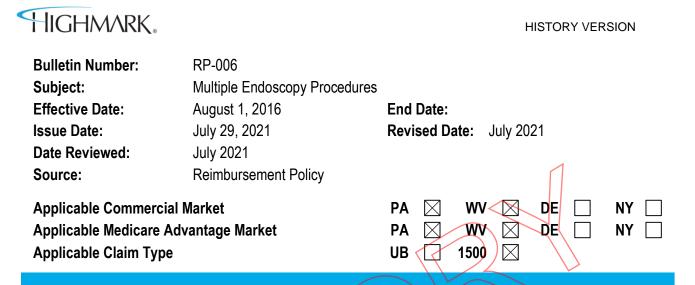
66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

0653T 0654T

## POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION;

Code 45220 added to family base and 45250 and 20572 added to family base and	
1 / 2018 Code 45330 added to family base code 45350 and 38573 added to family base code	
49320. Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate base code 52000.	
Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239	,
1 / 2020 31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 3	288,
31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.	
1 / 2021 Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base family 31231	
7 / 2021 Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Ac	ded
new header with expanded regional checkboxes.	
1 / 2022 Added Delaware MA applicable to the policy. Added 42975 to endo base code 31575	



Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this Policy.

## **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

## REIMBURSEMENT GUIDÉLINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy. If an endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

## Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

## Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

## For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

## Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

## For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

## One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

# Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**Note**: Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

## **APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:**

•	Shoulder Art	• •	• •				20024
29806 29825	29807 29827	29819 29828	29820	29821	29822	29823	29824
29020	29021	29020					$\bigcap$
Group 02:	Elbow Arthro	oscopy/Sur	nerv - Endo	Rase Proce	dure 29830		
29834	29835	29836	29837	29838	duit 20000		1
Group 03:	Wrist Arthro	scopy/Surg	ery - Endo E	Base Proced	ure 29840	/_	
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847			
			_				
Group 04:	Hip Arthroso	opy - Endo	Base Proce	dure 29860			
29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	29916		
•	Knee Arthro	1 / -	, ,	<b>\</b>			
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887	
		$\setminus \bigcirc$					
Group 06:	Nasal/Sinus	Surgery - E					
31233	31235	31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31253
31254	31255	31256	31257	31259	31267	31276	31287
31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294	31295	31296
31297	31298	69705	69706				
_	_						
•	Laryngosco	•		ıre 31505			
31510	31511	31512	31513				
0 00				04505			
•	Laryngosco	•			24540	24500	04570
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570
Group 00.	Laryngosco	ov Endo D	aaa Draaadi	uro 24526			
31531	31536	р <b>у - Епао Б</b> 31541	31545	31546	31561	31571	
31331	31330	J 1J <del>4</del> 1	J 1J4J	J 1 J 4 U	31301	313/1	
Group 10.	Laryngosco	nv - Fndo R	ase Procedi	ıre 31575			
31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	
01012	01070	31017	01070	01011	01070	01010	

Group 11:	Bronchosco	py - Endo Ba	ase Procedu	re 31622			
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648
31660	31661						
01000	01001						
Group 12:	Esophagosc	opv. Rigid T	ransoral - E	ndo Base P	rocedure 43	191	
43192	43193	43194	43195	43196			
10102	10100	10101	10100	10100			
<b>Group 13:</b> 43198	Esophagosc	opy, Flexible	e Transnasa	ıl - Endo Ba	se Procedur	e 43197	
Group 14:	Esophagosc	opy - Endo I	Base Proced	dure 43200			
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206	43211	43212	43213
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229
43231	43232	10210	10211	10220	10220	10221	10220
10201	10202						
Group 15:	UGI Endosco	pv Includin	g Esophagu	s - Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 43235	
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	43241
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259
43266	43270	.0202	10200	.020 .	10200	10201	.0200
10200	10270						
Group 16:	Endoscopic	Cholangion	ancretograp	hy - Endo B	ase Proced	ure 43260	
43261	43262	43263	43264	43265	43274	43275	43276
43277	43278	((		\			
			)) ~				
Group 17:	Small Bowel	Endoscopy	- Endo Bas	e Procedure	44360		
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369	44370	44372
44373							
Group 18:	Small Bowel	Endoscopy	and Ilieum	- Endo Base	Procedure	44376	
44377	44378	44379					
Group 19:	<b>Small Bowel</b>	Endoscopy	through Sto	oma – Endo	<b>Base Proce</b>	dure 44380	
44381	44382	44384	_				
Group 20:	Colonoscopy	/ Through S	toma - Endo	Base Proc	edure 44388		
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403
44404	44405	44406	44407	44408			
Group 21:	Proctosigmo	idoscopy - I	Endo Base F	Procedure 4	5300		
45303	45305	45307	45308	45309	45315	45317	45320
45321	45327						

Group 22:	Sigmoidosc	opy - Endo I	Base Proced	lure 45330			
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340
45341	45342	45346	45347	45349	45350		
Group 23:	Colonoscop	y through R	ectum - End	o Base Prod	edure 4537	8	
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388
45389	45390	45391	45392	45393	45398		
•	Anoscopy -						
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608	46610	46611	46612
46614	46615						
	<b></b>				_		
•	Biliary Endo	• •		cedure 4755	2	ſ	1
47553	47554	47555	47556				
0 00		<b>5</b> 10	ъ .	40000			
•	Laparoscopy	4			10200	10000	10204
38570	38571	38572	38573	49321	49322	49323	49324
49325	58541	58550	58660	58661	58662	58670	58671
58672	58673						
Group 27:	Renal Endos	convivia No	nhroetomy	Dyolostomy	- Endo Rac	o Drocoduro	50551
50555	50557	50561	piliostomy	yelostolliy	- Liluo bas	e Flocedule	50001
30333	30331	30301					
Group 28:	Renal Endos	scopy via Ne	epthrotomy/l	Pyelostomy	- Endo Base	e Procedure	50570
<b>Group 28:</b> 50572	Renal Endos	scopy via Ne 50575	epthrotomy/l 50576	Pyelostomy 50580	- Endo Base	e Procedure	50570
_		/ / -	- \ - \	-	- Endo Base	e Procedure	50570
50572		50575	50576	50580			50570
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580			50570
50572 <b>Group 29:</b> 50953	50574 Ureteral End 50955	50575 loscopy via 50957	50576 Ureteroston 50961	50580 ny - Endo Ba	ise Procedu	re 50951	50570
50572 <b>Group 29:</b> 50953 <b>Group 30:</b>	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End	50575 loscopy via 50957	50576 Ureteroston 50961	50580 ny - Endo Ba	ise Procedu	re 50951	50570
50572 <b>Group 29:</b> 50953	50574 Ureteral End 50955	50575 loscopy via 50957	50576 Ureteroston 50961	50580 ny - Endo Ba	ise Procedu	re 50951	50570
50572 <b>Group 29:</b> 50953 <b>Group 30:</b> 50974	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976	oscopy via 50957	50576 Ureteroston 50961 Ureterotomy	50580 ny - Endo Ba / - Endo Bas	se Procedu	re 50951	50570
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31:	Ureteral End 50955 Ureteral End 50976 Cystourethro	loscopy via 50957 loscopy via oscopy - En	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy	50580  ny - Endo Bas  y - Endo Bas  ocedure 5200	ise Procedu se Procedur	re 50951 e 50970	
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001	Ureteral End 50955 Ureteral End 50976 Cystourethro 52005	loscopy via 50957 loscopy via oscopy - En 52007	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010	50580  ny - Endo Bas  y - Endo Bas  cedure 5200 52204	ase Procedure se Procedure 00 52214	re 50951 e 50970 52224	52234
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethre 52005 52240	50575 loscopy via loscopy - En 52007 52250	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260	50580  ny - Endo Bas  y - Endo Bas  cedure 5200 52204 52265	se Procedur se Procedur 00 52214 52270	re 50951 e 50970 52224 52275	52234 52276
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235 52277	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethro 52005 52240 52281	50575 loscopy via 50957 loscopy via 52007 52250 52282	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260 52283	50580  ny - Endo Bas  cedure 5200 52204 52265 52285	nse Procedure  Se Procedure  00 52214 52270 52287	re 50951 e 50970 52224 52275 52290	52234 52276 52300
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235 52277 52301	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethre 52005 52240 52281 52305	50575 loscopy via 50957 loscopy via 52007 52250 52282 52310	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260 52283 52315	50580 ny - Endo Base y - Endo Base cedure 5200 52204 52265 52285 52317	se Procedure  Se Procedure  500 52214 52270 52287 52318	52224 52275 52290 52320	52234 52276 52300 52325
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235 52277 52301 52327	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethre 52005 52240 52281 52305 52330	50575 loscopy via 50957 loscopy via 52007 52250 52282 52310 52332	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260 52283	50580  ny - Endo Bas  cedure 5200 52204 52265 52285	nse Procedure  Se Procedure  00 52214 52270 52287	re 50951 e 50970 52224 52275 52290	52234 52276 52300
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235 52277 52301	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethre 52005 52240 52281 52305	50575 loscopy via 50957 loscopy via 52007 52250 52282 52310	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260 52283 52315	50580 ny - Endo Base y - Endo Base cedure 5200 52204 52265 52285 52317	se Procedure  Se Procedure  500 52214 52270 52287 52318	52224 52275 52290 52320	52234 52276 52300 52325
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235 52277 52301 52327 52400	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethre 52005 52240 52281 52305 52330 52402	50575 loscopy via 50957 loscopy via 52007 52250 52282 52310 52332 52441	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260 52283 52315 52334	50580 ny - Endo Base y - Endo Base cedure 5200 52204 52265 52285 52317 52341	se Procedure  Se Procedure  52214 52270 52287 52318 52342	52224 52275 52290 52320 52343	52234 52276 52300 52325 52344
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235 52277 52301 52327 52400  Group 32:	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethro 52005 52240 52281 52305 52330 52402  Cystourethro	50575 loscopy via 50957 loscopy via 52007 52250 52282 52310 52332 52441 loscopy w/U	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260 52283 52315 52334	50580  ny - Endo Base  y - Endo Base  cedure 5200 52204 52265 52285 52317 52341	se Procedure  52214 52270 52287 52318 52342	52224 52275 52290 52320 52343	52234 52276 52300 52325 52344
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235 52277 52301 52327 52400	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethre 52005 52240 52281 52305 52330 52402	50575 loscopy via 50957 loscopy via 52007 52250 52282 52310 52332 52441	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260 52283 52315 52334	50580 ny - Endo Base y - Endo Base cedure 5200 52204 52265 52285 52317 52341	se Procedure  Se Procedure  52214 52270 52287 52318 52342	52224 52275 52290 52320 52343	52234 52276 52300 52325 52344
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235 52277 52301 52327 52400  Group 32: 52345	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethro 52005 52240 52281 52305 52330 52402  Cystourethro 52346	50575 loscopy via 50957 loscopy via 52007 52250 52282 52310 52332 52441 loscopy w/Ui	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260 52283 52315 52334  reteroscopy 52353	50580  ny - Endo Base  y - Endo Base  cedure 5200 52204 52265 52285 52317 52341  /Pyeloscopy 52354	se Procedure  52214 52270 52287 52318 52342  7 - Endo Base 52355	52224 52275 52290 52320 52343	52234 52276 52300 52325 52344
50572  Group 29: 50953  Group 30: 50974  Group 31: 52001 52235 52277 52301 52327 52400  Group 32: 52345	50574  Ureteral End 50955  Ureteral End 50976  Cystourethro 52005 52240 52281 52305 52330 52402  Cystourethro	50575 loscopy via 50957 loscopy via 52007 52250 52282 52310 52332 52441 loscopy w/Ui	50576 Ureterostom 50961 Ureterotomy do Base Pro 52010 52260 52283 52315 52334  reteroscopy 52353	50580  ny - Endo Base  y - Endo Base  cedure 5200 52204 52265 52285 52317 52341  /Pyeloscopy 52354	se Procedure  52214 52270 52287 52318 52342  7 - Endo Base 52355	52224 52275 52290 52320 52343	52234 52276 52300 52325 52344

**Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555** 

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

**Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710** 

66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

0653T 0654T

## POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

8 / 2016	Implementation
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to family base code 45350 and 38573 added to family base code
172010	49320. Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate base code 52000.
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,
1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base family 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base. Added
1 / 2021	new header with expanded regional checkboxes.

HIGHMARK.		HISTORY VERSIONS
Bulletin Number:	RP-006	
Subject:	Multiple Endoscopy Procedu	ures
Effective Date:	August 1, 2016	End Date:
Issue Date:	July 5, 2021	Revised Date: July 2021
Date Reviewed:	July 2021	1
Source:	Reimbursement Policy	
Applicable Commercia	l Market	PA WV DE
Applicable Medicare Ad	dvantage Market	PA 🔯 WV 🖂
Applicable Claim Type	/	UB 1500 🖂

Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this Policy.

# **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

## REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy.

If an endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

### Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

# Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

# For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

# For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

# Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

# For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

# For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

## One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- o Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

<u>Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in</u> a different group

For the group that includes the base code

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

For the endoscopies in the other group(s)

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**Note:** Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

APPLICABI	_E PROCED	URE CODES	<b>S</b> :			<u></u>	
Group 01:	Shoulder A	rthroscony/	Surgery - F	ndo Base Pi	ocedure 298	95	1
29806	29807	29819	29820	29821	29822	29823	29824
29825	29827	29828	20020	20021		70020	7092
Group 02:	Elbow Arth	roscopy/Su	rgery - Endo	Base Proc	edure 29830		
29834	29835	29836	29837	29838			
					//		
Group 03:	Wrist Arthr	oscopy/Sur	gery - Endo	Base Proce	dure 29840		
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847			
			$\supset$ ) .				
Group 04:	Hip Arthros		//	edure 29860	)		
29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	29916		
	Knee Arthr						
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887	
		_					
•	Nasal/Sinus	• •					
31233	31235	31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31253
31254	31255	31256	31257	31259	31267	31276	31287
31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294	31295	31296
31297	31298	69705	69706				
	_						
•	Laryngosco			lure 31505			
31510	31511	31512	31513				
•				. 04505			
_	Laryngosco				0.45.40	0.4.500	0.4570
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570

			Base Proced		04504	04574	
31531	31536	31541	31545	31546	31561	31571	
Group 10:	Laryngosco	ppy - Endo I	Base Proced	ure 31575			
31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	31578	31579	
Group 11:	Bronchosc	opy - Endo	Base Proced	lure 31622			
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	316
31635	31636	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	316
31660	31661						
Group 12:	Esophagos	copy, Rigid	Transoral -	Endo Base	Procedure 4	13191	1
43192	43193	43194	43195	43196			
Group 13:	Esophagos	copy. Flexi	ble Transnas	al - Endo B	ase Procedi	ure 43197	
43198	_oop.iagoo	оору, г юж	5.5	2.1.4.0 2			//
							77
-			Base Proce				
43201	43202	43204	43205	<mark>43</mark> 206	43211	43212	432
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	432
43231	43232						
Group 15:	UGI Endos	copy Includ	ing Esophag	us - Endo E	Base Proced	ure 43235	
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	432
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	432
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	432
43266	43270						
Group 16:	Endoscopio	Cholangio	pancretogra	phy - Endo	Base Proce	dure 43260	
43261	43262	43263	43264	43265	43274	43275	432
43277	43278			.0200			
			<b>.</b>				
Group 17:	Small Bowe	el Endoscor	ov - Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 44360		
•	Small Bowe		•			44370	443
44361	Small Bowe 44363	44364	<b>9y - Endo ва</b> 44365	se Procedu 44366	<b>re 44360</b> 44369	44370	443
•			•			44370	443
44361 44373 <b>Group 18:</b>	44363 Small Bowe	44364 el Endoscop	•	44366	44369		443
44361 44373	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369		443
44361 44373 <b>Group 18:</b> 44377	44363  Small Bowe 44378	44364 el Endoscop 44379	44365	44366 n - Endo Bas	44369 se Procedur	e 44376	
44361 44373 <b>Group 18:</b> 44377	44363  Small Bowe 44378	44364 el Endoscop 44379	44365  by and Ilieum	44366 n - Endo Bas	44369 se Procedur	e 44376	
44361 44373 <b>Group 18:</b> 44377 <b>Group 19:</b> 44381	44363  Small Bowe 44378  Small Bowe 44382	44364 el Endoscop 44379 el Endoscop 44384	44365  by and Ilieum	44366 n - Endo Bas toma – End	44369 se Procedur o Base Proc	e 44376 cedure 4438	

44404	44405	44406	44407	44408			
Group 21:	Proctosigmo	nidoscony -	Endo Rasa I	Procedure 1	5300		
45303	45305	45307	45308	45309	45315	45317	45320
45321	45327	T0001	70000	70000	T0010	73317	70020
70021	70021						
Group 22-	Sigmoidosco	py - Endo B	ase Proced	ure 45330			
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340
45341	45342	45346	45347	45349	45350		
•	Colonoscop	•					
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388
45389	45390	45391	45392	45393	45398	ſ	1
	_						
•	Anoscopy -				40040	40044	40040
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608	46610	46611	46612
46614	46615					))	
Group 25:	Biliary Endo	secony - End	o Raco Drog	edura 1755	2 \\		
47553	47554	47555	47556	Jedule 41 00			
47000	47004	47000	47000				
Group 26:	Laparoscop	y - End Base	Procedure	49320			
38570	38571	38572	38573	49321	49322	49323	49324
49325	58541	58550	58660	58661	58662	58670	58671
58672	58673			\			
	$\langle \langle \rangle \rangle$		))				
	Renal Endos		phrostomy/	Pyelostomy	- Endo Bas	e Procedure	50551
50555	50557	50561					
			41 4 11				
	Renal Endos				- Endo Bas	e Procedure	50570
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580			
Group 29:	Ureteral End	loscony via l	   Iratarostom	ny - Endo Ba	se Procedu	ıra 50951	
50953	50955	50957	50961	iy - Liluo be	130 1 100000	110 30331	
00000	00000	00001	00001				
Group 30:	Ureteral End	doscopy via	Ureterotomy	/ - Endo Bas	se Procedur	e 50970	
50974	50976						
•	Cystourethr						
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204	52214	52224	52234
52235	52240	52250	52260	52265	52270	52275	52276
52277	52281	52282	52283	52285	52287	52290	52300
52301	52305	52310	52315	52317	52318	52320	52325
52327	52330	52332	52334	52341	52342	52343	52344
52400	52402	52441					

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

57454 57455 57456 57460 57461

**Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555** 

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

**Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710** 

66711

Group 36: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 0652T

0653T 0654T

## POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

8 / 2016	Implementation
1 / 2018	Code 45330 added to family base code 45350 and 38573 added to family base code
	49320. Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate base code 52000.
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,
1 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 3129 <mark>1</mark> , 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.
1 / 2021	Added codes 69705 and 69706 to endo base family 31231
7 / 2021	Created group 36 with codes 0653T and 0654T in it and 0652T as the endo base.



Bulletin Number: RP-006

**Subject:** Multiple Endoscopy Procedures

Effective Date: August 1, 2016 End Date:

Issue Date: January 1, 2020 Revised Date: December 2019

**Date Reviewed:** December 2019

**Source:** Reimbursement Policy

Applicable Commercial Market

**Applicable Medicare Advantage Market** 

**Applicable Claim Type** 

A WV DE [

UB 1500 X

Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this Policy.

### **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

# REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy.

If an endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

## **EXAMPLES:**

# Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

# Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

# For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

### For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- o Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

# Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

# One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

<u>Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in</u> a different group

For the group that includes the base code

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

For the endoscopies in the other group(s)

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**Note:** Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

APPLICABI	E PROCED	URE CODES	S:				
Group 01:	Shoulder A	rthroscopy/	Surgery - Er	ndo Base Pr	ocedure 29	305	7
29806	29807	29819	29820	29821	29822	29823	29824
29825	29827	29828			$\langle \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$		
					///		•
Group 02:	Elbow Arth	roscopy/Su	rgery - Endo	Base Proc	edure 29830		
29834	29835	29836	29837	29838	) ) \		
Group 03:	Wrist Arthr	oscopy/Sur	gery - Endo	Base Proce	dure 29840		
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847			
		\					
	Hip Arthros						
29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	29916		
//							
	Knee Arthr	/					
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880
29881	29882	29883	29884	29885	29886	29887	
		_					
•	Nasal/Sinus	• •				0.4.0.4.4	0.40=0
31233	31235	31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31253
31254	31255	31256				31276	31287
31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294	31295	31296
31297	31298						
0 07				04505			
•	Laryngosco			lure 31505			
31510	31511	31512	31513				
Croup 00.	Lammaaaa	anı Endal	Daga Draced	lura 24525			
31527	Laryngosco	opy - Endo i 31529			21510	24560	24570
3132 <i>1</i>	31528	31529	31530	31535	31540	31560	31570

<b>Group 09:</b> 31531	Laryngoscop 31536	o <b>y - Endo Ba</b> 31541	se Procedu 31545	re <b>31526</b> 31546	31561	31571	
<b>Group 10:</b> 31572	Laryngoscop 31573	y <b>- Endo Ba</b> 31574	se Procedu 31576	re <b>31575</b> 31577	31578	31579	
Group 11:	Bronchoscop	y - Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 31622			
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629	31630	31631	31634
31635 31660	31636 31661	31638	31640	31641	31645	31647	31648
Group 12:	Esophagosco	opv. Rigid T	ransoral - E	ndo Base Pi	rocedure 43	191	
43192	43193	43194	43195	43196			1
Group 13:	Esophagosco	ony Flevible	Tranenaea	I - Endo Ras	e Procedur	<i>1</i> 3107	
43198	Laophagoact	opy, i lexible	, iransnasa	i - Liido Das	oc i iocedui	6 40131	
•	Esophagosco						
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206	43211	43212	43213
43214	43215	43216	43217	43220	43226	43227	43229
43231	43232					•	
Group 15:	UGI Endosco	ny Includin	n Esophagu	s - Endo Ba	se Procedu	re 43235	
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238	43239	43240	43241
43242	43243	43244	43245	43246	43247	43248	43249
43250	43251	43252	43253	43254	43255	43257	43259
43266	43270	\					
	Endoscopic (						40070
43261 \ 43277	43262 43278	43263	43264	43265	43274	432/5	43276
Group 17:	Small Bowel	Endoscopy	- Endo Base	e Procedure	44360		
44361 44373	44363	44364	44365	44366	44369	44370	44372
Group 18:	Small Bowel	Endoscopy	and Ilieum -	Endo Base	Procedure	44376	
44377	44378	44379					
<b>Group 19:</b> 44381	Small Bowel 44382	Endoscopy 44384	through Sto	ma – Endo	Base Proce	dure 44380	
<del>11</del> 301	77302	++004					
Group 20:	Colonoscopy	Through S	toma - Endo	Base Proce	edure 44388		
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394	44401	44402	44403
44404	44405	44406	44407	44408			

<b>Group 21:</b> 45303 45321	Proctosigmo 45305 45327	oidoscopy - 45307	Endo Base   45308	<b>Procedure 4</b> 45309	<b>5300</b> 45315	45317	45320
Group 22-	Sigmoidosco	ny - Endo B	ase Proced	ura 45330			
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335	45337	45338	45340
45341	45342			45349	45350	10000	10010
10011	10012	10010	10017	10010	10000		
Group 23:	Colonoscopy	y through R	ectum - End	lo Base Prod	cedure 4537	8	
45379	45380	45381	45382	45384	45385	45386	45388
45389	45390	45391	45392	45393	45398		
							1
•	Anoscopy - I						
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608	46610	46611	4 <mark>6612</mark>
46614	46615						1
-	Biliary Endo			cedure 4755	2 \\		
47553	47554	47555	47556		///		
•	_						
-	Laparoscopy			1 1		١	
38570	38571	38572	38573	49321	49322	49323	49324
49325	58541	58550	58660	58661	58662	58670	58671
58672	58673		, //	\			
				7			
-	Renal Endos	\	ephrostomy/	Pyelostomy	- Endo Bas	e Procedure	e 50551
50555	50557	50561					
		//					
	Renal Endos				- Endo Bas	e Procedure	50570
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580			
Craum 20.	Hustanal Fuel		l luctous stom	a Enda Da	aa Duaaadu	E00E4	
50953	Ureteral End 50955	50957	50961	iy - Eliuo Da	ase Procedu	ire 5095 i	
50955	50955	50957	5090 I				
Group 30	Ureteral End	oscony via	Ureterotom	v - Endo Bas	se Procedur	e 50970	
50974	50976	occopy via		, Liido Bac	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	0 00010	
00011	00070						
Group 31:	Cystourethro	oscopy - En	do Base Pro	cedure 5200	00		
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204	52214	52224	52234
52235	52240	52250	52260	52265	52270	52275	52276
52277	52281	52282	52283	52285	52270	52270	52300
52301	52305	52310	52315	52317	52318	52320	52325
52327	52330	52332	52334	52341	52342	52343	52344
52400	52402	52441	J2UJ <del>1</del>	JZUT 1	JZUTZ	020 <del>1</del> 0	JZJ <del>11</del>
JZ4UU	J2 <del>4</del> U2	J <del>44</del> I					

Group 32: Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy/Pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

52345 52346 52352 52353 52354 52355 52356

**Group 33: Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452** 

57454 57455 57456 57460 57461

**Group 34: Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555** 

58558 58559 58560 58561 58562 58563 58565

**Group 35: Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710** 

66711

# POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

08 / 2016	Implementation
01 / 2018	Code 45330 added to family base code 45350 and 38573 added to family base code 49320.
01/2018	Code 43235 was corrected to the appropriate base code 52000.
	Added endo base code 31231 and family codes 31233, 31235, 31237, 31238, 31239,
01 / 2020	31240, 31241, 31253, 31254, 31255, 31256, 31257, 31259, 31267, 31276, 31287, 31288,
	31290, 31291, 31292, 31293, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297 and 31298.



CLICK HERE FOR HISTORY VERSIONS

Bulletin Number: RP-006

**Subject:** Multiple Endoscopy Procedures

Effective Date: August 1, 2016 End Date:

**Issue Date:** January 1, 2018

**Source:** Reimbursement Policy

Applicable Commercial Market PA 🖂 WV 🖂 DE 🗌

Applicable Medicare Advantage Market PA 🔀 WV 🔀

Applicable Claim Type UB 💟 1500 🔀

Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is respective to how the provider is contracted with The Plan. Provider contractual agreements supersede Reimbursement Policy direction and regional applicability.

#### **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

#### REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy.

If an endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

This policy position applies to all commercial and/or Medicare Advantage lines of business as indicated above. Reimbursement policies are intended only to establish general guidelines for reimbursement under Highmark plans. Highmark retains the right to review and update its reimbursement policy guidelines at its sole discretion.

# **Examples**

#### Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

# Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

# For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

# For the other groups

- o Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

# Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

#### For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

## One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

# Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

For the group that includes the base code

Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%

This policy position applies to all commercial and/or Medicare Advantage lines of business as indicated above. Reimbursement policies are intended only to establish general guidelines for reimbursement under Highmark plans. Highmark retains the right to review and update its reimbursement policy guidelines at its sole discretion.

 Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

For the endoscopies in the other group(s)

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**Note:** Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

#### **APPLICABLE PROCEDURE CODES:**

Group 01 - Shoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805

29806	29807	29819	29820	29821
29822	29823	29824	29825	29827
29828				

Group 02 - Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

29834	29835	29836	//	29837	29838	
-------	-------	-------	----	-------	-------	--

Group 03 - Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

29843   29844   29845   29846   29847	<u> </u>		
	29843   29844     2	29847	

Group 04 - Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

29861	29862	29863	29914	29915	
29916					

Group 05 - Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

29871	29873	29874	29875	29876
29877	29879	29880	29881	29882
29883	29884	29885	29886	29887

Group 06 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

31510	31511	31512	31513	
01010	01011	01012	01010	

**Group 07 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525** 

31527	31528	31529	31530	31535
31540	31560	31570		

Group 08 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

31531	31536	31541	31545	31546
31561	31571			

Group 09 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

31572	31573	31574	31576	31577
31578	31579			

				Page <b>4</b> of
O 40 D	Fuda	Dana Buana dana 04000		
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629
31630	31631	31634	31635	31636
31638	31640	31641	31645	31647
31648	31660	31661	31043	31047
31040	31000	31001		
Group 11 – Es	ophagoscopy, Rigid	Transoral - Endo Bas	se Procedure 4319	91
43192	43193	43194	43195	43196
		l		
	ophagoscopy, Flexi	ble Transnasal - Endo	Base Procedure	43197
43198				
		D D I 100		
	opnagoscopy - Endo	Base Procedure 4320	43205	43206
43201 43211	43202	43204 43213	43214	43215
43216	43217	43220	43226	43227
43229	43231	43232	4	
Group 14 - HG	t Endoscopy Includi	ng Esophagus - Endo	Raco Procedure	4222E
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238
43239	43240	43241	43242	43243
43244	43245	43246	43247	43248
43249	43250	43251	43252	43253
43254	43255	43257	43259	43266
43270	40200	70201	40200	40200
40270				
Group 15 - En	doscopic Cholangio	pancretography - End	o Base Procedure	e 43260
43261	43262	// 43263	43264	43265
43274	43275	43276	43277	43278
Group 16 - Sm	nall Bowel Endoscop	y - Endo Base Proced		T
	44363	44364	44365	44366
44369	44370	44372	44373	
		y and Ilieum - Endo B	ase Procedure 44	376
44377	44378	44379		
2	all Damel Forders	th	da Daga Burandu	44000
roup 18 - Sm <u>-</u> 44381	44382	y through Stoma – En 44384	ido Base Procedu	re 44380
74301	144302	144004		
Group 19 - Co	lonoscony Through	Stoma - Endo Base P	rocedure 44388	
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394
44401	44402	44403	44404	44405
44406	44407	44408	11104	11100
1 1 1 1 0 0	77701	77700		l .

This policy position applies to all commercial and/or Medicare Advantage lines of business as indicated above. Reimbursement
policies are intended only to establish general guidelines for reimbursement under Highmark plans. Highmark retains the right
to review and update its reimbursement policy guidelines at its sole discretion.

 Group 20 - Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

 45303
 45305
 45307
 453

Group 21	1- Siamoidoscopy -	Endo Rasa	Procedure 45330
GIOUD Z	ı- Siuiiibiubscoby -	CIIUU Dase	FIOCEGUIE 40000

45331	45332	45333	45334	45335
45337	45338	45340	45341	45342
45346	45347	45349	45350	

Group 22 - Colonoscopy through Rectum - Endo Base Procedure 45378

45379	45380	45381	45382	45384
45385	45386	45388	45389	45390
45391	45392	45393	45398	

**Group 23 - Anoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 46600** 

46601	46604	46606	46607	46608
46610	46611	46612	46614	46615

#### Group 24 - Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

47553	47554	47555	47556	

# Group 25- Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

38570	38571	38572 (	38573	49321
49322	49323	49324	49325	58541
58550	58660	58661	58662	58670
58671	58672	58673		

# Group 26 - Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy or Pyelostomy- Endo Base Procedure 50551

50555 50557		50561		
-------------	--	-------	--	--

#### Group 27 - Renal Endoscopy via Nepthrotomy or Pyelostomy- Endo Base Procedure 50570

O. U up	. toa. =aeeeep	//-	topullation,	, o. o o . o	
50572	50574		50575	50576	50580

# Group 28 - Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

0.0ap =0	Crotoral Ellacocopy	 a crotoroctorii	,ac _a.	<del>55   15554415 5555  </del>	
50953	50955	50957		50961	

#### Group 29 - Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

<u> </u>	Crotoral Emacocopy that Crots	<u> </u>	0 1 1000aa.0 00010	
50974	50976			

#### Group 30 - Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

52001	52005	52007	52010	52204
52214	52224	52234	52235	52240
52250	52260	52265	52270	52275
52276	52277	52281	52282	52283
52285	52287	52290	52300	52301
52305	52310	52315	52317	52318
52320	52325	52327	52330	52332
52334	52341	52342	52343	52344

This policy position applies to all commercial and/or Medicare Advantage lines of business as indicated above. Reimbursement policies are intended only to establish general guidelines for reimbursement under Highmark plans. Highmark retains the right to review and update its reimbursement policy guidelines at its sole discretion.

52400	52402	52441	

#### Group 31 - Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy and/or Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure 52351

52345	52346	52352	52353	52354
52355	52356			

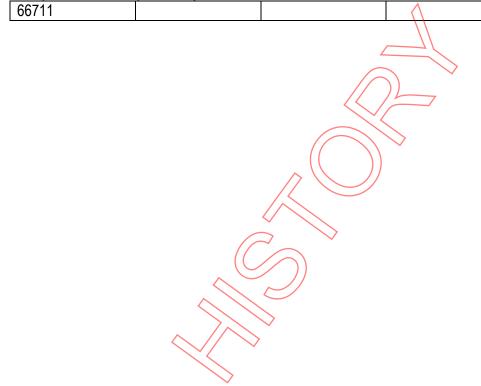
#### Group 32 - Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

0.00p 0= 00.p000.				
57454	57455	57456	57460	57461

#### Group 33 - Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

58558	58559	58560	58561	58562
58563	58565			

**Group 34 - Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710** 





VIEW HISTORY

Bulletin Number: RP-006

**Subject:** Multiple Endoscopy Procedures

Effective Date: August 1, 2016 End Date:

**Issue Date:** April 24, 2017

**Source:** Procedure Review & Fee Schedule Administration

Applicable Commercial Market PA 🖂 WV 🖂 DE 🗌

Applicable Medicare Advantage Market PA ⋈ WV ⋈

#### **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

#### REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy.

If an endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

#### **Examples**

#### Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

#### Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

#### For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

# Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

#### For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

#### One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

# Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

For the group that includes the base code

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

For the endoscopies in the other group(s)

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**EXCLUSION:** Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

#### **RELATED MEDICAL POLICIES:**

# APPENDIX A - IMPACTED PROCEDURE CODES

Group 11 – Esc	phagoscopy, Rigic	l Transoral - Endo B	ase Procedure 4319	1
31648	31660	31661		
31638	31640	31641	31645	31647
31630	31631	31634	31635	31636
31623	31624	31625	31628	31629
•		Base Procedure 316		24000
01010	01013			
31578	31579	01017	01070	01011
31572	/ngoscopy - Endo I 31573	31574	31576	31577
Craum 00 1	massass. Engle	Dago Dugos de us 045	75	
31561	31571			
31531	31536	31541	31545	31546
		Base Procedure 315		
01070	01000	01070		
31540	31560	31570	01000	01000
31527	31528	31529	31530	31535
Group 07 - Lary	ngoscony - Endo I	Base Procedure 315	25	
31510	31511	31512	31513	
		Base Procedure 315		
			•	
29883	29884	29885	29886	29887
29877	29879	29880	29881	29882
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876
Group 05 - Kne	e Arthroscopy - En	do Base Procedure	29870	
29916				
29861	29862	29863	29914	29915
		Base Procedure 29		20045
29843	29844	29845	29846	29847
Group 03 - Wris	st Arthroscopy/Sur	gery - Endo Base Pr	ocedure 29840	
20001	20000	20000	20001	20000
29834	29835	29836	29837	29838
Group 02 Elba	w Arthrosopy/Su	rgery - Endo Base P	rooduro 20020	
29828				
	29823	29824	29825	29827
29822				

# Group 12 - Esophagoscopy, Flexible Transnasal - Endo Base Procedure 43197

This policy position applies to all commercial and/or Medicare Advantage lines of business as indicated above. Reimbursement policies are intended only to establish general guidelines for reimbursement under Highmark plans. Highmark retains the right to review and update its reimbursement policy guidelines at its sole discretion.

Group 13 - Fsa	onhagoscopy - End	o Base Procedure 43	3200	
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206
43211	43212	43213	43214	43215
43216	43217	43220	43226	43227
43229	43231	43232	40220	40221
	l			
			do Base Procedure	
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238
43239	43240	43241	43242	43243
43244	43245	43246	43247	43248
43249	43250	43251	43252	43253
43254	43255	43257	43259	43266
43270	52441			
O 45 - F			. I. David Brander	10000
43261	43262	43263	ndo Base Procedure 43264	43260
43274	43275	43276		43278
43274	43275	43276	43277	43278
	all Bowel Endoscor	y - Endo Base Proc	edure 44360	
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366
44369	44370	44372	44373	
			Base Procedure 44	376
44377	44378	44379		
0				
	all Dayyal Endages	ser Alamaceumla Chamaa	Frada Daga Dugagalii	44200
11201			Endo Base Procedu	re 44380
44381	44382	y through Stoma – 44384	Endo Base Procedu	re 44380
	44382	44384		re 44380
Group 19 - Col	44382	44384 Stoma - Endo Base	Procedure 44388	
<b>Group 19 - Co</b> l 44389	44382 lonoscopy Through 44390	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391	<b>Procedure 44388</b> 44392	44394
<b>Group 19 - Co</b> l 44389 44401	44382 lonoscopy Through 44390 44402	44384  Stoma - Endo Base	Procedure 44388	
<b>Group 19 - Co</b> l 44389	44382 lonoscopy Through 44390	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391	<b>Procedure 44388</b> 44392	44394
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406	44382 lonoscopy Through 44390 44402 44407	44384  Stoma - Endo Base	Procedure 44388 44392 44404	44394
<b>Group 19 - Co</b> l 44389 44401 44406	44382 lonoscopy Through 44390 44402 44407	44384  Stoma - Endo Base	Procedure 44388 44392 44404	44394
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406 Group 20 - Pro 45303	44382 	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391   44403   44408  - Endo Base Proced   45307	Procedure 44388 44392 44404 Jure 45300 45308	44394 44405 45309
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406 Group 20 - Pro	44382  lonoscopy Through	44384  Stoma - Endo Base	Procedure 44388 44392 44404 Jure 45300	44394 44405
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406 Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign	44382   Ionoscopy Through   44390   44402   44407   Octosigmoidoscopy   45305   45317   Improved Honoscopy - Endo	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391   44403   44408   - Endo Base Proced   45307   45320   Base Procedure 453	Procedure 44388	44394 44405 45309 45327
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406 Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331	44382   Ionoscopy Through   44390   44402   44407   Octosigmoidoscopy   45305   45317   Improved Horoscopy - Endo   45332	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391   44403   44408   - Endo Base Proced   45307   45320   Base Procedure 453   45333	Procedure 44388	44394 44405 45309 45327 45335
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406 Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign	44382   Ionoscopy Through   44390   44402   44407   Octosigmoidoscopy   45305   45317   Improved Honoscopy - Endo	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391   44403   44408   - Endo Base Proced   45307   45320   Base Procedure 453	Procedure 44388	44394 44405 45309 45327
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406 Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331	44382   Ionoscopy Through   44390   44402   44407   Octosigmoidoscopy   45305   45317   Improved Horoscopy - Endo   45332	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391   44403   44408   - Endo Base Proced   45307   45320   Base Procedure 453   45333	Procedure 44388	44394 44405 45309 45327 45335
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406 Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331 45337 45346	44382   1000scopy Through   44390   44402   44407   45305   45317   1000scopy - Endo   45332   45338   45347	44384  Stoma - Endo Base	Procedure 44388	44394 44405 45309 45327 45335
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406  Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315  Group 21- Sign 45337 45346  Group 22 - Co	44382   1000scopy Through   44390   44402   44407   45305   45317   1000scopy - Endo   45332   45338   45347   1000scopy through	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391   44403   44408   - Endo Base Proced   45307   45320   Base Procedure 453   45333   45340   45349   Rectum - Endo Base	Procedure 44388	44394 44405 45309 45327 45335 45342
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406  Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315  Group 21- Sign 45331 45337 45346  Group 22 - Co 45379	44382   1000scopy Through   44390   44402   44407   45305   45317   1000scopy - Endo   45332   45338   45347   1000scopy through   45380	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391   44403   44408   - Endo Base Proced   45307   45320   Base Procedure 453   45333   45340   45349   Rectum - Endo Base   45381	Procedure 44388	44394 44405 45309 45327 45335 45342 45384
Group 19 - Col 44389 44401 44406  Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315  Group 21- Sign 45337 45346  Group 22 - Co	44382   1000scopy Through   44390   44402   44407   45305   45317   1000scopy - Endo   45332   45338   45347   1000scopy through	44384   Stoma - Endo Base   44391   44403   44408   - Endo Base Proced   45307   45320   Base Procedure 453   45333   45340   45349   Rectum - Endo Base	Procedure 44388	44394 44405 45309 45327 45335 45342

46601	oscopy - Endo Base 46604	46606	46607	46608
46610	46611	46612	46614	46615
10010	10011	10012	10011	10010
Group 24 - Bili	ary Endoscopy - En	do Base Procedure	47552	
47553	47554	47555	47556	
	1	<b>'</b>	<b>'</b>	<b>'</b>
Group 25- Lap	aroscopy - End Bas	e Procedure 49320		
38570	38571	38572	49321	49322
49323	49324	49325	58541	58550
58660	58661	58662	58670	58671
58672	58673			
		lephrostomy or Pye	lostomy- Endo Base	e Procedure 50551
50555	50557	50561		
		landara = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =		D
•		lepthrotomy or Pyel		
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580
From 20 Hz	toral Endoscopy vis	a Ureterostomy - En	do Raco Dropoduro	50051
50953	50955	50957	50961	30931
00000	00000	00301	30301	
Group 29 - Ure	eteral Endoscopy via	a Ureterotomy - End	o Base Procedure 5	0970
50974	50976			
	1	L		
Group 30 - Cys	stourethroscopy - E	ndo Base Procedure	e 52000	
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204
52214	52224	52234	52235	52240
52250	52260	52265	52270	52275
52276	52277	52281	52282	52283
52285	52287	52290	52300	52301
52305	52310	52315	52317	52318
52320	52325	52327	52330	52332
52334	52341	52342	52343	52344
52400	52402			
	1	<b>'</b>	<b>'</b>	<b>'</b>
Group 31 - Cys	stourethroscopy w/l	Jreteroscopy and/or	Pyeloscopy- Endo	Base Procedure 5235
52345	52346	52352	52353	52354
52355	52356			
•		Endo Base Proced		T == + = +
57454	57455	57456	57460	57461
Owerine OO III-	otoroooser. FrI D.	oo Drocoduse FOFF	•	
		se Procedure 58555		EOEGO
58558	58559	58560	58561	58562
58563	58565			
Group 24 Em	dosoonia Ciliamy Al-	lation Enda Bass F	rooduro 66740	
•	uoscopic Ciliary Ab	lation - Endo Base F	Tocedure po/10	
66711				



Bulletin Number: RP-006

**Subject:** Multiple Endoscopy Procedures

Effective Date: August 1, 2016 End Date:

**Issue Date:** December 19, 2016

**Source:** Procedure Review & Fee Schedule Administration

Applicable Commercial Market PA WV

Applicable Medicare Advantage Market

# **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

 $PA \quad \square$ 

DE  $\square$ 

#### **REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:**

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy.

If an endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

#### **Examples**

#### Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

#### Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

#### For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

# Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

#### For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

#### One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

# Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

For the group that includes the base code

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

#### For the endoscopies in the other group(s)

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**EXCLUSION:** Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

# **RELATED MEDICAL POLICIES:**

#### **FEP Guidelines:**

29834

This reimbursement policy may not apply to FEP. Reimbursement policy is not an authorization, certification, explanation of benefits or a contract. Reimbursement is determined by the Federal Employee Program.

29836

#### APPENDIX A - IMPACTED PROCEDURE CODES

29835

Group 01 - Shoulder	Arthroscopy/Surgery	y - Endo Base Procedure 2980	05
Group or - Silouluei	Altilioscopy surgery	y - Liido Dase i ioceddie 230	"

29806 29807 29819 29820 29821								
29822	29823	29824	29825	29827				
29828								

29837

29838

# Group 03 - Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

O. Cap CC	 <b>0000p</b>	. 9 ,		 				
29843	29844		29845	29846		29	847	
					/			

# Group 04 - Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860

29861	29862	29863	Ź	9914	29915
29916					

#### Group 05 - Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

29871	29873	29874	29875	29876
29877	29879	29880	29881	29882
29883	29884	29885	29886	29887

# Group 06 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

	31510 31511		31512	31513	
--	-------------	--	-------	-------	--

# Group 07 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

31527	31528	31529	31530	31535
31540	31560	<b>31/</b> 570		

# Group 08 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

31531	31536	31541	31545	31546
31331	31536	31341	313 <del>4</del> 3	31340
31561	31571			

### **Group 09 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575**

31572	31573	31574	31576	31577	
31578	31579				

#### **Group 10 - Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622**

31623	31624	31625	31628	31629
31630	31631	31634	31635	31636
31638	31640	31641	31645	31647
31648	31660	31661		

# Group 11 - Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

43192	43193	43194	43195	43196

This policy position applies to all commercial and/or Medicare Advantage lines of business as indicated above. Reimbursement policies are intended only to establish general guidelines for reimbursement under Highmark plans. Highmark retains the right to review and update its reimbursement policy quidelines at its sole discretion.

	ophagoscopy, Flexible	Transnasal - Endo I	Base Procedure 431	97
43198				
Group 13 - Esc	ophagoscopy - Endo Ba	se Procedure 43200	)	
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206
43211	43212	43213	43214	43215
43216	43217	43220	43226	43227
43229	43231	43232		
	•	- 1		-
	I Endoscopy Including			
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238
43239	43240	43241	43242	43243
43244	43245	43246	43247	43248
43249	43250	43251	43252	43253
43254	43255	43257	43259	43266
43270	52441			
	doscopic Cholangiopan			
43261	43262	43263	43264	43265
43274	43275	43276	43277/	43278
Croup 16 Sm	nall Bowel Endoscopy -	Endo Poso Procedu	uro 44260	
44361	44363	44364 44364	44365	44366
44369	44370	44372	44373	77300
44303	144370	44312	144373	
Group 17 - Sm	nall Bowel Endoscopy a	nd Kieum - Endo Ba	se Procedure 44376	•
44377	44378	44379	00710000010 44070	,
11077	11070	11010		
Group 18 - Sm	all Bowel Endoscopy th	nrough Stoma – End	lo Base Procedure	14380
44381	44382	44384		
			1	
Group 19 - Co	lonoscopy Through Sto	ma - Endo Base Pro	ocedure 44388	
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394
44401	A 444ba \			
	44402	44403	44404	44405
44406	44402	44403 44408	44404	44405
^	44407	44408		44405
Group 20 - Pro	44407 octosígmoidoscopy - En	44408 do Base Procedure	45300	
Group <b>20 - Pro</b> 45303	44407	44408  do Base Procedure 45307	<b>45300</b> 45308	45309
Group 20 - Pro	44407 octosígmoidoscopy - En	44408 do Base Procedure	45300	
Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315	44407 Octosígmoidoscopy - En 45305 45317	44408  do Base Procedure	<b>45300</b> 45308	45309
Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign	44407 Octosigmoidoscopy - En 45305 45317 moidoscopy - Endo Bas	44408  do Base Procedure	<b>45300</b>   45308   45321	45309 45327
Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331	44407 45305 45317 moidoscopy - Endo Bas 45332	44408  do Base Procedure	<b>45300</b> 45308 45321 45334	45309 45327 45335
Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331 45337	44407 45305 45305 45317 moidoscopy - Endo Bas 45332 45338	44408  do Base Procedure	45300 45308 45321 45334 45341	45309 45327
Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331	44407 45305 45317 moidoscopy - Endo Bas 45332	44408  do Base Procedure	<b>45300</b> 45308 45321 45334	45309 45327 45335
Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331 45337 45346	44407 45305 45317 moidoscopy - Endo Bas 45332 45338 45347	44408  do Base Procedure	45300 45308 45321 45334 45341 45350	45309 45327 45335
45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331 45337 45346 Group 22 – Co	44407  45305  45305  45317  moidoscopy - Endo Bas  45332  45338  45347  plonoscopy through Rec	44408  do Base Procedure	45300 45308 45321 45334 45341 45350 rocedure 45378	45309 45327 45335 45342
Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331 45337 45346 Group 22 - Co 45379	44407  45305  45317  45332  45338  45347  Plonoscopy through Received 45380	44408  do Base Procedure	45300 45308 45321 45334 45341 45350 rocedure 45378 45382	45309 45327 45335 45342 45384
Group 20 - Pro 45303 45315 Group 21- Sign 45331 45337 45346 Group 22 - Co	44407  45305  45305  45317  moidoscopy - Endo Bas  45332  45338  45347  plonoscopy through Rec	44408  do Base Procedure	45300 45308 45321 45334 45341 45350 rocedure 45378	45309 45327 45335 45342

Group 23 - Anoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 46600							
46601	46604	46606	46607	46608			
10010	10011	10010	10011	10015			

46610	46611	46612	46614	46615

	,			
47553	47554	47555	47556	

# **Group 25- Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320**

38570	38571	38572	49321	49322	
49323	49324	49325	58541	58550	
58660	58661	58662	58670	58671	
58672	58673				

# Group 26 - Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy or Pyelostomy- Endo Base Procedure 50551

50555	50557	50561	1	

#### Group 27 - Renal Endoscopy via Nepthrotomy or Pyelostomy- Endo Base Procedure 50570

50570	F0F74	50575	E0.E30	50.500
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580
****			1 90 .	4 - 4

# Group 28 - Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

·					
50953	50955	50957	50961	$\supset$	

# Group 29 - Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

50974 50976						
-------------	--	--	--	--	--	--

# Group 30 - Cystourethroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52000

		/ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	<i>/</i> /	
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204
52214	52224	52234	52235	52240
52250	52260	52265	52270	52275
52276	52277	52281	52282	52283
52285	52287	52290	52300	52301
52305	52310	<b>5</b> 2 <mark>3</mark> 15	52317	52318
52320	52325	52327	52330	52332
52334	52341	52342	52343	52344
52400	52402			

#### Group 31 - Cystogrethroscopy w/l Ireteroscopy and/or Pyeloscopy- Endo Base Procedure 52351

Cloup 31 - Oystodiethi oscopy w/oreteroscopy and/or 1 yeloscopy- Endo base 1 rocedure 32331								<u>52551</u>	
52345		52346		52352		52353		52354	
52355		52356							

#### Group 32 - Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

57454 57455	57456	57460	57461
-------------	-------	-------	-------

#### Group 33 - Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

58558	58559	58560	58561	58562
58563	58565			

#### **Group 34 - Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710**

66711		



Bulletin Number: RP-006 VIEW HISTORY

**Subject:** Multiple Endoscopy Procedures

Effective Date: August 1, 2016 End Date:

**Issue Date:** September 1, 2016

**Source:** Procedure Review & Fee Schedule Administration

Applicable Commercial Market PA 🖂 WV 🖂 DE 🗌

Applicable Medicare Advantage Market PA WV

#### **PURPOSE:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applies special reimbursement rules for multiple endoscopic procedures performed for the same patient on the same day during the same session. Highmark Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans apply this same payment methodology for the same endoscopic procedures.

#### REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The impacted procedure codes are listed in Appendix A, and may also be identified by viewing the payment policy indicators on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) via the CMS website. A value of '3' in the Multiple Procedure field indicates special rules for multiple endoscopic procedures apply if the procedure is billed with another endoscopy in the same family (i.e., another endoscopy that has the same base procedure). The base procedure for each code with this indicator is identified in the endoscopic base code field of the MPFS.

Apply multiple endoscopy pricing rules to a group before ranking that group with other procedures performed on the same day (such as, when multiple endoscopies in the same group reported are reported on the same day as endoscopies from another group, or on the same day as a non-endoscopic procedure).

If an endoscopic procedure is reported with only its base procedure code, do not pay separately for the base code. Payment for the base code is included in the payment for the other endoscopy.

If an endoscopic procedure is billed with a 51 modifier with other procedures that are not endoscopies (i.e., surgical procedures), the standard multiple surgery guidelines apply.

#### **Examples**

#### Multiple endoscopies in the same group

- Determine the highest paying procedure and allow payment at 100%
- For the other endoscopies, subtract the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and allow the difference

## Multiple endoscopic procedures in different groups

For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the other groups

- Follow the same method of determining the allowance for each procedure reported within a group
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the highest paying group at 100% and the remaining groups at 50%

# Multiple endoscopies in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group For the first group

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Determine the allowance for the other related endoscopic procedures by subtracting the allowance for the group's base code from the allowance for the related endoscopy and pay the difference

## For the endoscopy in a different group

- Consider that code to be a separate group and obtain the allowance for this code
- Finally, compare the total allowance for each group. Pay the group with the highest allowance at 100% and the remaining group at 50%

# One endoscopy in one group reported with one endoscopy from a different group

- Pay the highest paying procedure at 100% of the allowance
- Pay the other endoscopy at 50% of its allowance

# Multiple endoscopies in one group and one is that group's base code reported with multiple endoscopies in a different group

For the group that includes the base code

- Determine the allowance for the highest paying procedure and pay at 100%
- Deny the base code because the allowance for the base code is included in the allowance for the highest paying procedure

## For the endoscopies in the other group(s)

- Determine the highest paying procedure and pay at 50%
- For the remaining endoscopies in that group, subtract the allowance for the base code from the allowance for each endoscopy, and pay 50% of the difference

**EXCLUSION:** Due to Delaware State mandates, this policy does not apply to the Delaware market.

# **RELATED MEDICAL POLICIES:**

#### **FEP Guidelines:**

This reimbursement policy may not apply to FEP. Reimbursement policy is not an authorization, certification, explanation of benefits or a contract. Reimbursement is determined by the Federal Employee Program.

#### APPENDIX A - IMPACTED PROCEDURE CODES

Group 01 - Snoulder Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29805								
29806	29807	29819	29820	29821				
00000	00000	00004	0000	00007				

29806	29807	29819	29820	29821
29822	29823	29824	29825	29827
29828				

# Group 02 - Elbow Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29830

0.00p 01 1.00m	i ii ii oocopyi oui go. y		<u>u. 0 20000</u>	1	
29834	29835	29836	29837		29838

# Group 03 - Wrist Arthroscopy/Surgery - Endo Base Procedure 29840

29843	29844	29845	29846	29847

# **Group 04 - Hip Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29860**

29861	29862	29863	29914/	29915
29916				

#### Group 05 - Knee Arthroscopy - Endo Base Procedure 29870

29871	29873	29874 / /	29875	29876
29877	29879	29880	29881	29882
29883	29884	29885	29886	29887

# Group 06 - Larvngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31505

	,			
31510	31511	31512	31513	

#### Group 07 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31525

31527	31528	31529	31530	31535
31540	31560	31/570		

#### Group 08 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31526

			_ 0.0 0			
31531	^	31536	$\Diamond$	31541	31545	31546
31561		31571	•			

#### Group 09 - Laryngoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31575

31576	31577	31578	31579	

#### **Group 10 - Bronchoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 31622**

31623	31624	31625	31628	31629
31630	31631	31634	31635	31636
31638	31640	31641	31645	31647
31648	31660	31661		

# Group 11 - Esophagoscopy, Rigid Transoral - Endo Base Procedure 43191

|--|

<b>Group 12 – Esc</b> 43198	ophagoscopy, Flexib	ole Transnasal - Endo	Base Procedure 43	197
43130				
Group 13 - Eso	phagoscopy - Endo	Base Procedure 4320	00	
43201	43202	43204	43205	43206
43211	43212	43213	43214	43215
43216	43217	43220	43226	43227
43229	43231	43232		
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		ng Esophagus - Endo		
43210	43233	43236	43237	43238
43239	43240	43241	43242	43243
43244	43245	43246	43247	43248
43249	43250	43251	43252	43253
43254	43255	43257	43259	43266
43270	52441		~	
	•	•		4
Group 15 - End	loscopic Cholangio <mark>p</mark>	oancretography - End	o Base Procedure 4	3260
43261	43262	43263	43264	43265
43274	43275	43276	43277/	43278
				7
		y - Endo Base Proced		144000
44361	44363	44364	44365	44366
44369	44370	44372	44373	
_		$\rightarrow$	_) )	
•		y and lieum - Endo B	ase Procedure 4437	<u>′6                                    </u>
44377	44378	44379		
				14000
		y through Stoma – En	ido Base Procedure	44380
44381	44382	44384		
Croup 10 Col	an account Through	Stoma - Endo Base Pi	re e e dure 44200	
44389	44390	44391	44392	44394
44401	44402	44403	44404	44405
44401	44402	44408	44404	44400
44400	44407	44400		
Group 20 Bro	otogiamoidoscopy	Endo Base Procedur	o 45200	
45303	45305	45307	45308	45309
45303	45317	45320	45321	45327
40010	149317	43320	43321	43321
Group 21, Sign	noidoscopy - Endo I	Base Procedure 45330	n	
45331	45332	45333	45334	45335
45337	45338	45340	45341	45342
45346	45347	45349	45350	40044
43340	40041	40049	45550	
Group 22 Cal	onoccony through	Postum Endo Posa	Droodure 45270	
45379	45380	Rectum – Endo Base 45381	45382	45384
45379	45386	45388	45389	45390
				45590
45391	45392	45393	45398	

46601	46604	46606	46607	46608
46610	46611	46612	46614	46615
	1 2 2 2 2		1 10011	1 11 11
	iary Endoscopy - End			
47553	47554	47555	47556	
	paroscopy - End Base		40204	40000
38570	38571	38572	49321	49322
49323	49324	49325	58541	58550
58660	58661	58662	58670	58671
58672	58673			
2 2C Da	nal Francosauvija Na	mbraatamy ar Dya	lastamı. Enda Dasa	Debandura FOFF4
50555	nal Endoscopy via Ne 50557	50561	ostomy- Endo Base	Procedure 50551
30333	30337	30301		
iroup 27 - Re	nal Endoscopy via Ne	enthrotomy or Pyel	ostomy- Endo Base	Procedure 50570
50572	50574	50575	50576	50580
00012	00011	00010	100/10	00000
Group 28 - Ure	eteral Endoscopy via	Ureterostomy - En	do Base Procedure !	50951
50953	50955	50957	50961	7
	<b>'</b>			
Group 29 - Ure	eteral Endoscopy via	Ureterotomy - End	o Base Procedure 50	0970
50974	50976			
	·	$\wedge$		·
	stourethroscopy - End			
52001	52005	52007	52010	52204
52214	52224	52234	52235	52240
52250	52260	52265	52270	52275
52276	52277	52281	52282	52283
52285	52287	52290	52300	52301
52305	52310	52315	52317	52318
52320	52325	52327	52330	52332
52334	52341	52342	52343	52344
52400	52402			
		<b>-</b>		<b>'</b>
Group 31 - Cy	stourethroscopy w/Ur	eteroscopy and/or	Pyeloscopy- Endo	Base Procedure 5235
52345	52346	52352	52353	52354
52355	52356			
	<u> </u>			
•	lposcopy of Cervix - E			<u> </u>
57454	57455	57456	57460	57461
	steroscopy - End Bas			F0FC0
	58559	58560	58561	58562
58558 58563	58565			

66711