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SPECIAL BULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS **MAY 2016**

HIGHMARK PLANS ENDOSCOPIC SERVICES PAYMENT REDUCTION FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS

In January 2009, Highmark implemented the endoscopic payment reduction for its Medicare Advantage products. This reduction applies to endoscopic services when one or more services having the same endoscopic base code are performed on the same day for the same patient.

Highmark is planning to implement the same payment reduction for its commercial products, effective with dates of service of Aug. 1, 2016, and beyond. This payment reduction will also mirror the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') reduction by paying the full allowance of the highest valued endoscopy, plus the difference between the next highest and the base endoscopy. The base endoscopy codes, listed here on the following pages, may also be found on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule in the endoscopic base code field.

FEES AVAILABLE VIA NAVINET®

You can access the reimbursement adjustment information online in four convenient ways.
1. Provider Resource Center (via NaviNet) — Select **Administrative Reference Materials** and then **Fee Updates**. Fees are not published on the public Provider Resource Center.
Once the adjustments are in effect (on Aug. 1, 2016), you can also use the following methods to view them:
2. NaviNet — Hover on **Allowance** and then select **Allowance Inquiry** to determine pricing for specific procedure codes by plan/product type.

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3. NaviNet — Hover on **Allowance** and then select **Frequently Billed Codes**. This function initiates a report request that allows you to more quickly retrieve the most frequently billed codes based on the specialty represented by the selected billing provider and plan.
4. NaviNet's Resource Center — Download the full Premier Blue Shield fee schedule by clicking **Administrative Reference Materials** and looking for the link on the bottom half of the page.

If your practice is not yet NaviNet-enabled, please visit **navinet.net** to get access.

Note: The inclusion of a procedure code and allowance in the list does not necessarily indicate that it is eligible for payment under Highmark's programs. Highmark will apply the appropriate network rules, member benefit limitations and medical policy guidelines to the services you report. Highmark may also apply a site-of-service differential for facility-based services. Allowances are subject to change.

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Procedure Code Attachments

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

29843	29844	29845	29846
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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

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

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

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

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Group 13 - Esophagoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 43200

43201 43202 43204 43205
43206 43211 43212 43213
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Group 14 - UGI Endoscopy Including Esophagus - Endo Base Procedure 43235

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Group 15 - Endoscopic Cholangiopancretography - Endo Base Procedure 43260

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Group 16 - Small Bowel Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 44360

44361 44363 44364 44365
44366 44369 44370 44372
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Group 17 - Small Bowel Endoscopy and Ilieum - Endo Base Procedure 44376

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Group 18 –Small Bowel Endoscopy through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44380

44381 44382 44384

Group 19 - Colonoscopy through Stoma - Endo Base Procedure 44388

44389	44390	44391	44392
44394	44401	44402	44403
44404	44405	44406	44407
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Group 20 - Proctosigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45300

45303	45305	45307	45308
45309	45315	45317	45320
45321	45327		

Group 21- Sigmoidoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 45330

45331	45332	45333	45334
45335	45337	45338	45340
45341	45342	45347	45349
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Group 22- Sigmoidoscopy w/ablation - Endo Base Procedure 45350

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Group 23- Colonoscopy through Rectum - Endo Base Procedure 45378

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

Group 24 - Anoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 46600

46601	46604	44606	44607
46608	46610	46611	46612
46614	46615		

Group 25 - Biliary Endoscopy - Endo Base Procedure 47552

47553	47554	47555	47556

Group 26- Laparoscopy - End Base Procedure 49320

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

Group 27 - Renal Endoscopy via Nephrostomy or pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50551

50555	50557	50561

Group 28 - Renal Endoscopy via Nepthrotomy or pyelostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50570

50572	50574	50575	50576
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Group 29 - Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterostomy - Endo Base Procedure 50951

50953	50955	50957	50961

Group 30 - Ureteral Endoscopy via Ureterotomy - Endo Base Procedure 50970

50974	50976		

Group 31 – 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
52400	52402		

Group 32 - Cystourethroscopy w/Ureteroscopy and/or pyeloscopy - Endo Base Procedure 52351

52345	52346	52352	52353
52354	52355	52356	

Group 33- Colposcopy of Cervix - Endo Base Procedure 57452

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Group 34 - Hysteroscopy - End Base Procedure 58555

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58562	58563	58565	

Group 35 - Endoscopic Ciliary Ablation - Endo Base Procedure 66710

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