



CPT 2026 Proposed Code Changes

A PBS Guide

Comprehensive Overview of New and Revised Radiology Category I Codes

New Category I Codes

Available January 1, 2026

- Head and Neck CTA bundling
- Computed Tomography Cerebral Perfusion
- Prostate Biopsy procedures
- Irreversible Electroporation

Category III Codes

Available July 1, 2025

- Benign Prostate Ablation with HIFU
- Hemodynamic IVC Monitoring
- Laser Ablation of Breast Tumors

Revised Procedures

Updated guidelines and codes

- Thoracic Branch Endograft Services
- Lower Extremity Vascular Procedures
- Radiation Oncology Treatment Delivery
- Endovascular Therapy

Lower Extremity Vascular Procedures: Comprehensive Overhaul

The LE vascular procedure codes (37254-37299) underwent significant revision following multiple RAW screen identifications. This comprehensive update introduces **46 new codes** and establishes a new framework for treating occlusive disease in lower extremities.

New Vascular Territory Classification

The revision introduces **4 designated vascular territories**, adding the inframalleolar territory consisting of:

- Dorsal arteries
- Pedal arteries
- Medial plantar arteries
- Lateral plantar arteries and pedal arch

i Code Selection Criteria: Selection is based on lesion complexity - stenosis treatment is considered simple, while total occlusion treatment is classified as complex.

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New Codes

Available for LE vascular procedures

4

Vascular Territories

Including new inframalleolar territory

75%

Co-utilization Rate

Threshold for RAW bundling identification

Deleted Codes: 37220-37235 will be removed from the code set as part of this comprehensive restructuring.

Radiation Oncology and Endovascular Updates

Radiation Oncology Treatment Delivery

The RAW referred multiple radiation treatment delivery service codes for clarification and updates. Key changes include:

- **Revised Codes:** 77402, 77407, and 77412 will specify services more clearly
- **Updated Guidelines:** New definitions for "level 1," "level 2," and "level 3"
- **Deleted Codes:** 77014, 77385, 77386 and previous "simple, intermediate, complex" definitions

Sacroiliac Arthrodesis Clarification

Codes 27278 and 27279 and Arthrodesis guidelines will be revised to clarify intended use. Additional instructions for reporting hybrid SI joint fusion procedures will be added to guidelines.

Endovascular Therapy Bundling

Code pairs 61624/75894 and 61624/75898 were identified for bundling due to 75%+ co-utilization rates.



Code Revision


Codes 61624 and 61626 will include all RS&I guidance necessary for intervention completion

Guideline Updates

Vascular Embolization and Occlusion guidelines will be revised with new Endovascular Therapy subsection guidelines

Thoracic Branch Endograft Services

Significant updates to thoracic endograft procedures include two new codes for thoracic branch endograft services. The Endovascular Repair of Descending Thoracic Aorta guidelines and codes 33880, 33881, 33883, and 33886 will undergo revision to reflect current best practices and technological advances.

 **Important:** Codes 33884, 33889, 33891, and 75956-75959 will be deleted as part of this comprehensive update to thoracic endograft services.

These CPT 2026 code changes represent significant advances in radiology coding. Healthcare providers should prepare for implementation effective January 1, 2026, with Category III codes available July 1, 2025.