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Pre-operative Imaging Guidance

Q: Is the pre-operative CT scan that is necessary for the development of the 3D computer model for the Match Point technology (i.e., "patient-specific templates") covered by insurance?*



Match Point System™

Aim, Set, Matched™

MEDICARE

Medicare covers CT scans that are "reasonable and necessary" if medical and scientific literature and opinion support the use of a scan for the patient's condition.

There is no specific National Coverage Determination ("NCD") on the use of a CT scan for patient-specific templates. Therefore, coverage decisions are left to the discretion of local Medicare carriers.

PRIVATE PAYOR

- A few large, private payers publish their coverage policies on line (e.g., Aetna, CIGNA, Humana, etc.).
- Aetna does cover MRIs used for patient-specific custom cutting jigs used for total knee arthroplasty.
- Accordingly, providers should contact their payers directly for coverage information on CT scans for patient-specific templates.

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The ACR believes that it is appropriate to bill only for the technical component when a CT scan is taken for the design of patient-specific templates; there should be no charge generated for a professional component.

CODING

The American Medical Association ("AMA") has established several CPT codes that describe CT imaging. The codes are listed below.

• 73200

Computed tomography, upper extremity; without contrast material

• 73700

Computed tomography, lower extremity; without contrast material

• 73701

Computed tomography, lower extremity; with contrast material

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