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Subject: Other Thoracentesis, Chemical Pleurodesis, Tube Thoracostomy, Introduction of Needle, Venipuncture, Injection with Catheter Placement and Injections of Drugs with Insertion of Indwelling Tunneled Pleural Catheter with Cuff

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Edit

32000 (Thoracentesis, puncture of pleural cavity for aspiration, initial or subsequent), 32002 (Thoracentesis with insertion of tube with or without water seal (e.g., for pneumothorax {separate procedure}), 32005 (Chemical pleurodesis {e.g., for recurrent or persistent pneumothorax}), 32020 (Tube thoracostomy with or without water seal {e.g., for abscess, hemothorax, emphysema}) {separate procedure}) 36000 (Introduction of needle or intracatheter, vein), 36410 (Venipuncture, age 3 years or older, necessitating physician's skill {separate procedure}, for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes {not to be used for routine venipuncture}), 62318 (Injection, including catheter placement, continuous infusion of intermittent bolus, not including neurolytic substances, with or without contrast {for either localization or epidurography}, of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) including anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution), epidural or subarachnoid; cervical or thoracic) or 62319 (Injection, including catheter placement, continuous infusion of intermittent bolus, not including neurolytic substances, with or without contrast {for either localization or epidurography}, of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) including anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution), epidural or subarachnoid; lumbar, sacral {caudal}), 64450 (Injection, anesthetic agent; other peripheral nerve or branch), 64470 (Injection, anesthetic agent and/or steroid, paravertebral facet joint or facet joint nerve; cervical or thoracic, single level) or 64475 (Injection, anesthetic agent joint or facet joint nerve; lumbar or sacral, single level) bundles with 32019 (Insertion of indwelling tunneled pleural catheter with cuff).

CODE	RULE	CODE
32000 32002 32005 32020	Incidental	32019

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36000		
36410		
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Rationale for Edit:

Anthem Central Region bundles 32000, 32002, 32005, 32020, 36000, 36410, 62318, 62319, 64450, 64470 or 64475 as incidental with 32019. Based on the 2005 CPT manual, below 32019, it states in parenthesis:

“(Do not report 32019 in conjunction with 32000-32005, 32020, 36000, 36410, 62318, 62319, 64450, 64470, 64475)”

Based on the National Correct Coding Initiative Edits, codes 32000, 32002, 32005, 32020, 36000, 36410, 62318, 62319, 64450, 64470 or 64475 are listed as component codes to code 32019. Therefore, if 32000, 32002, 32005, 32020, 36000, 36410, 62318, 62319, 64450, 64470 or 64475 is submitted with 32019—only 32019 reimburses.

Reference Information:

1. American Medical Association. Lungs and Pleura-32019. Current Procedural Terminology, CPT; 2005: 127.
2. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (January 1, 2005-March 31, 2005) National Correct Coding Initiative Edits (11.0). Retrieved from World Wide Web:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/physicians/cciedits/>

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