

Update: Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. *Cardiology* *Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines CPT Code List*

This communication applies to Medicaid and Medicare Advantage plans from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem).

As previously communicated in the December 2022 edition of *Provider News*, Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc.* will apply additional code updates to the Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. *Diagnostic Coronary Angiography and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines*. That code update expansion has been delayed. The codes listed below will go into effect April 1, 2023, not February 1, 2023, as originally communicated.

Diagnostic coronary angiography:

CPT® code	Description
C9600	Percutaneous transcatheter placement of drug eluting intracoronary stent(s), with coronary angioplasty when performed; single major coronary artery or branch
C9601	Percutaneous transcatheter placement of drug-eluting intracoronary stent(s), with coronary angioplasty when performed; each additional branch of a major coronary artery (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
C9602	Percutaneous transluminal coronary atherectomy, with drug eluting intracoronary stent, with coronary angioplasty when performed; single major coronary artery or branch
C9603	Percutaneous transluminal coronary atherectomy, with drug-eluting intracoronary stent, with coronary angioplasty when performed; each additional branch of a major coronary artery (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
C9604	Percutaneous transluminal revascularization of or through coronary artery bypass graft (internal mammary, free arterial, venous), any combination of drug-eluting intracoronary stent, atherectomy and angioplasty, including distal protection when performed; single vessel
C9605	Percutaneous transluminal revascularization of or through coronary artery bypass graft (internal mammary, free arterial, venous), any combination of drug-eluting intracoronary stent, atherectomy and angioplasty, including distal protection when performed; each additional branch subtended by the bypass graft (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
C9607	Percutaneous transluminal revascularization of chronic total occlusion, coronary artery, coronary artery branch, or coronary artery bypass graft, any combination of drug-eluting intracoronary stent, atherectomy and angioplasty; single vessel
C9608	Percutaneous transluminal revascularization of chronic total occlusion, coronary artery, coronary artery branch, or coronary artery bypass graft, any combination of drug-eluting intracoronary stent, atherectomy and angioplasty; each additional coronary artery, coronary artery branch, or bypass graft (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

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Percutaneous coronary intervention:

CPT code	Description
92975	Thrombolysis, coronary; by intracoronary infusion, including selective coronary angiography
C1714	Catheter, transluminal atherectomy, directional
C1724	Catheter, transluminal atherectomy, rotational
C1725	Catheter, transluminal angioplasty, non-laser (may include guidance, infusion/perfusion capability)
C1753	Catheter, intravascular ultrasound
C1760	Closure device, vascular (implantable/insertable)
C1761	Catheter, transluminal intravascular lithotripsy, coronary
C1769	Guide wire
C1874	Stent, coated/covered, with delivery system
C1875	Stent, coated/covered, without delivery system
C1876	Stent, non-coated/non-covered, with delivery system
C1877	Stent, non-coated/non-covered, without delivery system
C1885	Catheter, transluminal angioplasty, laser
C1887	Catheter, guiding (may include infusion/perfusion capability)

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit prior authorization requests to Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. in one of several ways:

- Access Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc.'s **ProviderPortalsSM** directly at www.providerportal.com:
 - **Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.**
- Call the Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. Contact Center toll-free number at **800-714-0040**, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central time.

If you have questions related to guidelines, contact Carelon Medical Benefits Management, Inc. via email at MedicalBenefitsManagement.guidelines@carelon.com. Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines [here](#).