

# Provider Update

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## AIM to Conduct Medical Necessity Reviews for Vascular Ultrasound Procedures

Amerigroup\* Community Care is collaborating with AIM Specialty Health to conduct medical necessity reviews for Vascular ultrasound management for our individual Medicare Advantage members.

Effective July 1, 2016, AIM will accept prior authorization requests for a number of vascular ultrasound screening and diagnostic procedures. To submit your request, go to the AIM *ProviderPortal*<sup>SM</sup> at [www.aimspecialtyhealth.com](http://www.aimspecialtyhealth.com). From the dropdown menu, select Empire Medicare Advantage. For additional assistance you may also call AIM toll free at 800-714-0040, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central Time.

Effective July 1, 2016, AIM will accept prior authorization requests for Screening and Diagnostic Ultrasound requests for the following codes:

93978 -- Duplex scan of aorta, inferior vena cava, iliac vasculature, or bypass grafts; complete study

93979 -- Duplex scan of aorta, inferior vena cava, iliac vasculature, or bypass grafts; unilateral or limited study

93925 -- Duplex scan of lower extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; complete bilateral study

93926 -- Duplex scan of lower extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; unilateral or limited study

93930 -- Duplex scan of upper extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; complete bilateral study

93931 -- Duplex scan of upper extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; unilateral or limited study

93451 -- Right heart catheterization including measurement(s) of oxygen saturation and cardiac output, when performed

93452 -- Left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, imaging supervision and interpretation, when performed

93453 -- Combined right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, imaging supervision and interpretation, when performed



93454 -- Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation;

93455 -- Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography

93456 -- Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right heart catheterization

93457 -- Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography and right heart catheterization

93458 -- Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed

93459 -- Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography

93460 -- Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed

93461 -- Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography

93462 -- Left heart catheterization by transseptal puncture through intact septum or by transapical puncture (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93463 -- Pharmacologic agent administration (eg, inhaled nitric oxide, intravenous infusion of nitroprusside, dobutamine, milrinone, or other agent) including assessing hemodynamic

measurements before, during, after and repeat pharmacologic agent administration, when performed (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93464 -- Physiologic exercise study (eg, bicycle or arm ergometry) including assessing hemodynamic measurements before and after (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93561 -- Indicator dilution studies such as dye or thermodilution, including arterial and/or venous catheterization; with cardiac output measurement (separate procedure)

93562 -- Indicator dilution studies such as dye or thermodilution, including arterial and/or venous catheterization; subsequent measurement of cardiac output

93563 -- Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for selective coronary angiography during congenital heart catheterization (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93564 -- Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for selective opacification of aortocoronary venous or arterial bypass graft(s) (eg, aortocoronary saphenous vein, free radial artery, or free mammary artery graft) to 1 or more coronary arteries and in situ arterial conduits (eg, internal mammary), whether native or used for bypass to 1 or more coronary arteries during congenital heart catheterization, when performed (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.)

93565 -- Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for selective left ventricular or left atrial angiography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93566 -- Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for selective right ventricular or right atrial angiography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93567 -- Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for supra-avalvular aortography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93568 -- Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for pulmonary angiography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

92992 -- Atrial septectomy or septostomy; transvenous method, balloon (eg, Rashkind type) (includes cardiac catheterization)

92993 -- Atrial septectomy or septostomy; blade method (Park septostomy) (includes cardiac catheterization)

93880 -- Duplex scan of extracranial arteries; complete bilateral study

93882 -- Duplex scan of extracranial arteries; unilateral or limited study

93922 -- Limited bilateral noninvasive physiologic studies of upper or lower extremity arteries, (eg, for lower extremity: ankle/brachial indices at distal posterior tibial and anterior tibial/dorsalis pedis arteries plus bidirectional, Doppler waveform recording and analysis at 1-2 levels, or ankle/brachial indices at distal posterior tibial and anterior tibial/dorsalis pedis arteries plus volume plethysmography at 1-2 levels, or ankle/brachial indices at distal posterior tibial and anterior tibial/dorsalis pedis arteries with transcutaneous oxygen tension measurement at 1-2 levels)

93923 -- Complete bilateral noninvasive physiologic studies of upper or lower extremity arteries, 3 or more levels (eg, for lower extremity: ankle/brachial indices at distal posterior tibial and anterior tibial/dorsalis pedis arteries plus segmental blood pressure measurements with bidirectional Doppler waveform recording and analysis, at 3 or more levels, or ankle/brachial indices at distal posterior tibial and anterior tibial/dorsalis pedis arteries plus segmental volume plethysmography at 3 or more levels, or ankle/brachial indices at distal posterior tibial and anterior tibial/dorsalis pedis arteries plus segmental transcutaneous oxygen tension measurements at 3 or more levels), or single level study with provocative functional maneuvers (eg, measurements with postural provocative tests, or measurements with reactive hyperemia)

93924 -- Noninvasive physiologic studies of lower extremity arteries, at rest and following treadmill stress testing, (ie, bidirectional Doppler waveform or volume plethysmography recording and analysis at rest with ankle/brachial indices immediately after and at timed intervals following performance of a standardized protocol on a motorized treadmill plus recording of time of onset of claudication or other symptoms, maximal walking time, and time to recovery) complete bilateral study

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