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In this chapter you will find radiology privileging protocols to improve quality of care and make imaging services available when rendered by physicians other than radiologists.

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There are many clinical reasons physicians other than radiologists must perform in-office imaging as part of their diagnostic and treatment plans. We have radiology privileging protocols to make imaging services available when rendered by physicians other than radiologists.

This chapter includes the lists of procedures and associated CPT-4 codes that network physicians other than radiologists can perform for specific benefit plans based on their specialty and network participation.

This program applies to members with the following benefit plans and to practitioners who service these members:

- EmblemHealth EPO/PPO
- GHI
- Vytra

Note: GHI HMO members and practitioners are not eligible for this program. Protocols for HIP, EmblemHealth CompreHealth EPO and EmblemHealth Medicare HMO appear in the **HIP Outpatient Diagnostic Imaging Self-Referral Payment Policy** chapter.

For physicians to perform radiological procedures within their specialty, they must have the appropriate certifications or accreditations, as noted in the **Radiology Privileging by Specialty** charts in this chapter. Certain procedures require prior approval. When radiological procedures are performed outside the physician's specialty or when appropriate prior approval is not obtained, claims for such services will be denied, with no liability to the member.

The charts below detail the inpatient, outpatient and office-based radiology services for which reimbursement will be made when performed by physicians other than radiologists.

- **GHI and EmblemHealth EPO/PPO Practitioners**
- **Vytra Practitioners**

GHI and EmblemHealth EPO/PPO Radiology Privileging by Specialty

GHI AND EMBLEMHEALTH EPO/PPO RADIOLOGY PRIVILEGING BY SPECIALTY		
PHYSICIAN TYPE	CPT-4 CODE	CPT-4 DESCRIPTION
Primary Care Physicians (includes Internal Medicine, Family Practice, General Practice MD, General Practice DO, Geriatrics,	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry

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GHI AND EMBLEMHEALTH EPO/PPO RADIOLOGY PRIVILEGING BY SPECIALTY		
PHYSICIAN TYPE	CPT-4 CODE	CPT-4 DESCRIPTION
Preventive Medicine, (Screening Center)	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
Allergists	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
Chiropractors	72010, 72040, 72069, 72070, 72080, 72100	Spine Imaging
Dermatologists	77401	Radiation Treatment Delivery
Emergency Medicine	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
Endocrinologists	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	76942	Ultrasonic Guidance
	76536	Thyroid Ultrasound
	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
Gastroenterologists	76975	Endoscopic Ultrasound
	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
Gynecological Oncology	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	77057	Screening Mammography
	77014	CT Guidance
	76830, 76856, 76857	Nonobstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76873	Ultrasound, Transrectal
	76930, 76941, 76945, 76946, 76950	Ultrasonic Guidance
Gynecology	71010-71023	Chest Imaging

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PHYSICIAN TYPE	CPT-4 CODE	CPT-4 DESCRIPTION
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	77057	Screening Mammography
	77014	CT Guidance
	76830, 76856, 76857	Non-Obstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76930, 76941, 76945, 76946	Ultrasonic Guidance
Hand Surgeons	73090-73140	Upper Extremity Imaging
	76000-76010	Fluoroscopy
	77073	Bone Length Study
	77077	Joint Survey
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
Hematology	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
Infectious Disease	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
Neonatology/Perinatology	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	76506, 76511-76529	Echoencephalography
	76604, 76645	Chest Ultrasound
	76801-76812, 76815-76819, 76825-76828	Obstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76830-76857	Nonobstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76930-76946	Ultrasonic Guidance

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Nephrology	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	76770, 76775	Retroperitoneal Ultrasound
Neurology	71010-71030	Chest Imaging
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	70010-70553, 70557-70559	Head/Neck Imaging
	72010-72120	Spine Imaging
Obstetrics and Gynecology	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	77057	Screening Mammography
	76801-76812, 76815-76819, 76825-76828	Obstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76830, 76856, 76857	Nonobstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76930, 76941, 76945, 76946	Ultrasonic Guidance
Oncology	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	77014	CT Guidance
	76873	Ultrasound, Transrectal
	76950	Ultrasonic Guidance
Ophthalmologists and Optometrists	77014	CT Guidance
	76506, 76511-76529	Ophthalmic Ultrasound
Oral Surgeons	70100, 70110, 70140, 70150	Mandible/Facial Bone Imaging
	70300, 70310, 70320	Teeth Imaging
	70350	Cephalogram
	70355	Orthopantogram

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Otolaryngologists	70010, 70015, 70030-70220, 70140, 70250-70320, 70332, 70336*, 70350, 70355, 70360, 70370, 70371, 70373, 70380, 70390, 70496*	Head/Neck Imaging
Pediatrics	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
Perinatology	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	77057	Screening Mammography
	76604, 76645	Chest Ultrasound
	76801-76812, 76815-76819, 76825-76828	Obstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76830, 76831, 76856, 76857	Nonobstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76930, 76932, 76936, 76937, 76940, 76941, 76945, 76946	Ultrasonic Guidance
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	70360-70390	Head/Neck Imaging
	72010-72120, 72170, 72190, 72200-72220	Spine/Pelvis Imaging
	73000-73140	Upper Extremities Imaging
	73500-73660	Lower Extremities Imaging
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
Podiatrists, Podiatric Surgeons, Podiatric Orthopedists	73600, 73610, 73620, 73630, 73650, 73660	Lower Extremities Imaging
Pulmonologists	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	76700-76775	Ultrasound Abdomen/Retroperitoneum
Reproductive Endocrinologists	71010-71023	Chest Imaging
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging

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	77080, 77081	DEXA Studies, Bone Densitometry
	76801-76812, 76818, 76819, 76825-76828	Obstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76830-76857	Nonobstetrical Ultrasounds, Pelvis
	76930-76941, 76945-76948	Ultrasonic Guidance
Rheumatologists	71010-71030	Chest Imaging
	72010-72120, 72170, 72190, 72200-72285, 72291	Spine/Pelvis Imaging
	73000-73140	Upper Extremities Imaging
	73500-73660	Lower Extremities Imaging
	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	76000, 76001, 76010, 77002, 77003	Fluoroscopic Guidance
	77071, 77072, 77073	Bone/Joint Studies
	77077	Joint Survey
Urologists	74000-74022	Abdomen Imaging
	74400, 74425, 74430, 74450, 74455	Ultrasound, Urinary Tract
	76000	Fluoroscopy
	76870, 76872, 76873	Ultrasound Genitalia
	76942	Ultrasonic Guidance

*These procedures require prior approval.

Vytra Radiology Privileging by Specialty

VYTRA RADIOLOGY PRIVILEGING BY SPECIALTY		
PHYSICIAN TYPE	CPT-4 CODE	CPT-4 DESCRIPTION
Cardiology	78414-78499	Cardiac Nuclear Medicine Studies
General Surgery	76942	Echo Guide for Biopsy
	76942	Ultrasonic Guidance
Gynecology	76830	Transvaginal Ultrasound
	76998	Ultrasonic Guidance

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PHYSICIAN TYPE	CPT-4 CODE	CPT-4 DESCRIPTION
	74740	Hysterosalpingography
Hand Surgery (practitioner must be certified in Hand Surgery by the American Board of Medical Specialties)	Those radiology procedures within the scope of the specialty area	
Obstetrics and Gynecology	76805-76831	Pregnancy-Related Sonograms
	76856	Pelvic Ultrasound, Nonobstetrical
	76941-76946	Needle Guidance Sonograms Used for Amniocentesis
	76998	Ultrasonic Guidance
Oncology	71010, 71020	Chest X-rays
Orthopedics	Those radiology procedures within the scope of the specialty area	
Pulmonology	71010, 71020	Chest X-rays
Rheumatology	Those radiology procedures within the scope of the specialty area	
Urology	76942, 76872, 76950, 77778, 78730	Ultrasound Guidance for Needle Biopsy

Vytra reviews this list on an ongoing basis and revises it as appropriate.