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TO: Freestanding Magnetic Resonance Imaging Centers Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Beth Waldman, Medicaid Director *BW*
RE: Revised List of Service Codes and Descriptions (2004 HCPCS)

Background

The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy has adopted rates for freestanding magnetic resonance imaging (FMRI) centers. The rates for the new codes introduced under the 2004 HCPCS code book are effective for dates of service on or after April 30, 2004.

MassHealth will pay freestanding magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) centers only for the service codes listed in this bulletin. Services must be provided in accordance with standards developed by the American College of Radiology (ACR). MassHealth will review claims to identify whether the services were provided for the recommended clinical condition based on the ACR appropriateness criteria.

Billing Information

As stated in FMRI Center Bulletin 9, providers may no longer bill for the global fee method of payment when the provider has furnished both the professional and technical components of a service. FMRI centers providing both the professional and technical components of a service must bill for these components separately to receive the equivalent of the global payment.

To bill for the professional component, the provider must append modifier 26 to the appropriate service code. To bill the technical component, the provider must report the same service code on a second claim line, and append modifier TC. Services that have professional and technical components must be billed with a modifier. Any claims for such services that are not billed with modifier 26 or TC will be denied with error code 135, "modifier required." On the HIPAA-compliant 835 remittance advice transaction, this denial will be reflected as an adjustment reason code 04 and remarks code M78.

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Billing Information
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Please Note: FMRI centers may bill for either the professional and technical component of a service or procedure when both services are performed or for the technical component only. FMRI centers may not bill for the professional component only when performed as a single service.

MassHealth will not pay FMRI centers separately for paramagnetic contrast material (e.g., gadolinium). Payment for paramagnetic contrast material is considered bundled into the payment for the MRI or MRA service.

**Prior
Authorization (P.A.)**

MassHealth requires the physician ordering the MRI to obtain prior authorization for those services designated "P.A." in the service descriptions of this bulletin. No payment will be made for these services unless prior authorization has been obtained from MassHealth before the delivery of services. MassHealth will not grant retroactive prior-authorization requests. A prior authorization determines only the medical necessity of the authorized service and does not establish or waive any other prerequisites for payment such as, but not limited to, member eligibility or the availability of other health-insurance payment. To request prior authorization, physicians must follow the billing instructions in Subchapter 5 of the *Physician Manual* (Section 512).

**Service Codes
for Freestanding
MRI Centers**

FMRI centers may bill for either the technical component only of the following MRI/MRA scans, or both technical and professional components, when applicable.

<u>Service Code</u>	<u>Service Description</u>
70336	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, temporomandibular joint(s) (P.A.)
70540	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, orbit, face, and neck; without contrast material(s)
70542	with contrast material(s)

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<u>Service Code</u>	<u>Service Description</u>
70543	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences
70544	Magnetic resonance angiography, head; without contrast material(s)
70545	with contrast material(s)
70546	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences
70547	Magnetic resonance angiography, neck; without contrast material(s)
70548	with contrast material(s)
70549	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences
70551	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, brain (including brain stem); without contrast material
70552	with contrast material(s)
70553	without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences
71550	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, chest (e.g., for evaluation of hilar and mediastinal lymphadenopathy); without contrast material(s)
71551	with contrast material(s)
71555	Magnetic resonance angiography, chest (excluding myocardium), with or without contrast material(s)
72141	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, cervical; without contrast material
72142	with contrast material(s)
72146	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, thoracic; without contrast material
72147	with contrast material(s)
72148	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, lumbar; without contrast material
72149	with contrast material(s)
72156	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, spinal canal and contents, without contrast material, followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences; cervical
72157	thoracic
72158	lumbar
72195	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, pelvis; without contrast material(s)
72196	with contrast material(s)
72197	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences
73218	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, upper extremity, other than joint; without contrast material(s)

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<u>Service Code</u>	<u>Service Description</u>
73219	with contrast material(s)
73220	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences
73221	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, any joint of upper extremity; without contrast material(s)
73222	with contrast material(s)
73223	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences
73718	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, lower extremity other than joint; without contrast material(s)
73719	with contrast material(s)
73720	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences
73721	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, any joint of lower extremity; without contrast material
73722	with contrast material(s)
73723	without contrast material(s), followed by contrast material(s) and further sequences
73725	Magnetic resonance angiography, lower extremity, with or without contrast material(s)
74181	Magnetic resonance (e.g., proton) imaging, abdomen; without contrast material(s)
74182	with contrast material(s)
74183	without contrast material(s), followed by with contrast material(s) and further sequences
74185	Magnetic resonance angiography, abdomen, with or without contrast material(s)
75552	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for morphology; without contrast material
75553	with contrast material
75554	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for function, with or without morphology; complete study
75555	limited study
75556	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for velocity flow mapping
76375	Coronal, sagittal, multiplanar, oblique, three-dimensional and/or holographic reconstruction of computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, or other tomographic modality
76393	Magnetic resonance guidance for needle placement (e.g., for biopsy, needle aspiration, injection, or placement of localization device) radiological supervision and interpretation
76394	Magnetic resonance guidance for, and monitoring of, visceral tissue ablation

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Fee Schedule

If you wish to obtain a fee schedule, you may purchase Division of Health Care Finance and Policy regulations from either the Massachusetts State Bookstore or from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (see addresses and telephone numbers below). You must contact them first to find out the price of the publication. The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy also has the regulations available on disk. Rates for FMRI centers are found in 114.3 CMR 18.00: Radiology.

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Questions

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