

ClariFix

Category 1 CPT code assignment

In September of 2022, the American Medical Association (AMA) announced the approval of a new Category 1 CPT code for nasal endoscopic cryoablation surgery of the nasal pathway using the ClariFix cryotherapy device. The new code becomes effective on January 1, 2024.

Since there is now a specific CPT code (31243) when performing the ClariFix procedure, the unlisted Category 1 CPT code for the nose, 30999, is no longer reported for the service after December 31, 2023.

Additionally, hospital outpatient (HOPD) and ambulatory service center (ASC) facilities may no longer report C9771 (nasal/sinus endoscopy, cryoablation nasal tissue(s) and/or nerves, unilateral or bilateral) to receive Medicare payment level for the procedure after December 31, 2023. Effective January 1, 2024, all providers (physicians, hospitals, and ASCs) report CPT code 31243 when providing the service. The description of the code and the parenthetical notes from the 2024 CPT book are listed below.



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Current Billing & Coding Structure

Effective through December 31, 2023, the following should be used.

ClariFix cryoablation	
CPT 30999	Unlisted procedure, nasal surgery procedures
HCPCS C9771	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, cryoablation nasal tissue(s) and/or nerve(s), unilateral or bilateral

Effective January 1, 2024

ClariFix cryoablation	
CPT 31243	<p>Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with destruction by cryoablation, posterior nasal nerve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not report 31242, 31243 in conjunction with 31231, 92511. 31242, 31243 are used to report bilateral procedures. For unilateral procedure, use modifier 52.
HCPCS C2618	Probe/needle, cryoablation – no additional reimbursement

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