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MVMA Coding and Billing Tips

Correct Coding for:

- Screening Mammography
- Diagnostic Mammography
- Digitization of Film Images with Computer Analysis Claims (Computer Aided Detection-CAD)
- Direct Digital Mammography

Following are guidelines furnished in response to coding questions received at MVMA regarding digital mammography and computer-aided detection.

It is important to recognize the differences between “digital mammography” services and “computer-aided detection add-on” services. It is also key to bill the correct code for the service rendered.

These coding guidelines apply to both the professional readings as well as the technical component billed from our hospitals for these services.

The add-on code 76085 for CAD digitization is allowed for **either** the radiologist **or** the facility when this service is performed with screening mammography services. G0236 represents CAD add-on services for diagnostic mammography services.

G0202, G0204, and G0206 represent services performed using direct digital mammography equipment. CAD add-on codes do not apply to direct digital mammography procedures.

The following list of procedure codes from CPT™ and HCPCS apply when billing mammography services on or after January 1, 2002, per the American Medical Association (AMA).

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| 76092 | Screening mammography, bilateral |
| 76090 | Diagnostic mammography, unilateral |
| 76091 | Diagnostic mammography, bilateral |
| G0202 | Screening mammography, direct digital image, bilateral, all views |
| G0204 | Diagnostic mammography, direct digital image, bilateral, all views |
| G0206 | Diagnostic mammography, direct digital image, unilateral, all views |
| 76085 | Computer-aided detection add-on code for screening mammography for use with CPT code 76092 |
| G0236 | Computer-aided detection add-on code for diagnostic mammography for use with CPT Codes 76090 or 76091 |