

Medicine: Gastroenterology

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This section contains information to assist providers in billing for Medicine procedures related to gastroenterology services.

Esophageal Acid Reflux Testing

CPT codes 91030 thru 91040 are used to bill for esophageal acid reflux testing. Within this range, CPT codes 91034, 91035, 91037 and 91038 are split-billed. When billing for only the professional component, use modifier 26. When billing for only the technical component, use modifier TC. When billing for both professional and technical components, a modifier is neither required nor allowed.

Note: Do not bill modifier 99 when billing with modifiers 26 or TC.

Table of CPT Codes for Esophageal Acid Reflux Testing

CPT Code	Description
91034	Esophagus, gastroesophageal reflux test; with nasal catheter pH electrode(s) placement, recording, analysis and interpretation
91035	Esophagus, gastroesophageal reflux test; with nasal catheter pH electrode(s) placement, recording, analysis and interpretation with mucosal attached telemetry pH electrode placement, recording, analysis and interpretation
91037	Esophageal function test, gastroesophageal reflux test with nasal catheter intraluminal impedance electrode(s) placement, recording, analysis and interpretation
91038	Esophageal function test, gastroesophageal reflux test with nasal catheter intraluminal impedance electrode(s) placement, recording, analysis and interpretation; prolonged (greater than 1 hour, up to 24 hours)
91040*	Esophageal balloon distention study, diagnostic, with provocation when performed. Do not report more than once per session.

Capsule Endoscopy

CPT code 91110 (gastrointestinal tract imaging, intraluminal [for example, capsule endoscopy], esophagus through ileum, with physician interpretation and report) requires authorization.

Documentation of either of the following must be submitted with the *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) or a *Service Authorization Request* (SAR):

- In the investigation of obscure gastrointestinal bleeding, esophagogastroduodenoscopy and colonoscopy are non-diagnostic.
- Non-diagnostic results of lower endoscopy and small bowel follow-through X-rays in suspected small bowel Crohn's disease.

CPT code 91113 (gastrointestinal tract imaging, intraluminal [eg, capsule endoscopy], colon, with interpretation and report)

91113 requires a TAR and is approved only for patients with incomplete colonoscopy.

Claims for codes 91110 may be billed with modifier 26 and TC. When billing for both professional and technical components, a modifier is neither required nor allowed.

Note: Do not bill modifier 99 on claims for capsule endoscopy. The claim will be denied.

Capsule endoscopy is contraindicated in patients with known or suspected gastrointestinal obstruction, strictures or fistulae.

Wireless Capsule

CPT code 91112 (gastrointestinal transit and pressure measurement, stomach through colon, wireless capsule, with interpretation and report) is restricted to patients 18 years of age and older.

Liver Elastography

This service is used to distinguish hepatic cirrhosis from non-cirrhosis in recipients with hepatitis C or other chronic liver diseases. Performance of transient elastography more than twice per year or within six months following a liver biopsy is considered not medically necessary.

Documentation is recommended, and may include the following ICD-10-CM codes:

K70.2	K74.00 thru K74.69
K70.30	K75.4
K70.31	K75.81
K70.40	K76.0
K70.41	K76.89
K70.9	K76.9
K73.0 thru K73.9	

Authorization

An approved TAR is required for reimbursement.

Billing

CPT code 91200 (liver elastography, mechanically induced shear wave, without imaging, with interpretation and report).

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Symbol	Description
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*	Do not report more than once per session.