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PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT for the Intracept® Procedure

INDICATIONS FOR USE

The Intracept Intraosseous Nerve Ablation System is intended to be used in conjunction with radiofrequency (RF) generators for the ablation of basivertebral nerves of the L3 through S1 vertebrae for the relief of chronic low back pain of at least six months duration that has not responded to at least six months of conservative care, and is also accompanied by features consistent with Type 1 or Type 2 Modic changes on an MRI such as inflammation, edema, vertebral endplate changes, disruption and fissuring of the endplate, vascularized fibrous tissues within the adjacent marrow, hypointensive signals (Type 1 Modic change), and changes to the vertebral body marrow including replacement of normal bone marrow by fat and hyperintensive signals (Type 2 Modic change).

ICD-10-CM DIAGNOSIS CODING

Diagnosis codes are used by both physicians and facilities to document the indication for the procedure. The following diagnosis codes may apply to patients undergoing the Intracept Procedure:

M47.816	Spondylosis w/o myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbar region
M47.817	Spondylosis w/o myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
M51.36	Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbar region
M51.37	Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbosacral region
M54.50	Low back pain
M54.51	Vertebrogenic low back pain; low back pain vertebral endplate pain

Providers may wish to contact Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) or third-party payers to confirm coverage and verify appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN RELATIVE VALUE UNIT (RVU) AND PAYMENT RATES

CPT ¹ Code	Description	Work RVUs ²	Total RVUs ²	Payment Rate ³
64628⁴	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; first two vertebral bodies lumbar or sacral	7.15	13.58	\$469.95
+64629⁵	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; each additional vertebral body , lumbar or sacral (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	3.77	6.36	\$220.10

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² 2022 CMS/PFS Final Rule, Addenda B (available on CMS website).

³ Medicare national average payment subject to geographic adjustment. 2022 CMS/PFS Final Rule, Addenda B: work, practice expense, and malpractice RVUs multiplied by CY 2022 conversion factor 34.6062 (available on CMS website).

⁴ CPT code 64628 has a global period of 10 days.

⁵ CPT code 64629 is an add-on code and must be billed with CPT code 64628, when a third and fourth vertebral body are treated. Each unit is to be paid at full fee schedule value.

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FACILITY REIMBURSEMENT for the Intracept® Procedure

2022 HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT BILLING AND CODING			
CPT ¹ Code	Description	Medicare	Private/Commercial
64628	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; first two vertebral bodies lumbar or sacral	\$12,593 ^{2,3}	Contractual
+64629	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; each additional vertebral body , lumbar or sacral (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Bundled	Contractual
C1889	Implantable/insertable device, not otherwise classified (CMS requires HOPDs to report C1889 for device costs when there is no specific device C-code for a device intensive procedure)	Report with Revenue Code 278 with device charges	Contractual Report with Revenue Code 278 with device charges
2022 AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER BILLING AND CODING			
CPT ¹ Code	Description	Medicare	Private/Commercial
64628	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; first two vertebral bodies lumbar or sacral	\$9,420 ²	Contractual
+64629	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; each additional vertebral body , lumbar or sacral (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Bundled Note: ASCs Do Not Report to CMS	Contractual
C1889	Implantable/insertable device, not otherwise classified	Note: ASCs Do Not Report C1889 to CMS	Contractual Report with Revenue Code 278 with device charges

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² Medicare national average payment subject to geographic adjustment. 2022 CMS/OPPS/ASC Final Rule, Addenda AA and B (available on CMS website).

³ Medicare payment for hospital outpatient procedures is based on Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APCs). CPT codes 64628 and +64629 are assigned to APC 5115.

To learn more about the Intracept Procedure, please visit relievent.com

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Questions

If you have reimbursement questions regarding the Intracept Procedure, please contact us at:

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