

Temporary APC Reassignment: CCTA codes (CPT 75572-75574)

ACTION REQUIRED

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) acknowledged that cardiac CT reimbursement was too low and temporarily reassigned coronary CT angiography (CCTA) codes 75572-75574 from ambulatory payment classification (APC) 5571 to APC 5572 in the [2025 Outpatient Prospective Payment System \(OPPS\) final rule](#).

CCTA reimbursement increased from rates of \$175.06 in 2024 to \$357.13 in 2025.

This is a temporary change! If a significant portion (>50%) of hospitals do not alter billing practices over “several years”, payment reverts to the older, lower rate APC code.

Those involved in Cardiac CT should work with hospital staff and colleagues to understand and implement the following reporting changes:

- Clinical charge masters can be updated to link to revenue codes 0489x (Cardiology – Other) or 0409x (Other Imaging Services) to CCTA.
- CMS removed an outdated [Return to Provider edit \(#19\)](#) that precluded facilities from reporting certain revenue codes.
- CMS expects use of the new codes that reflect the higher operating CCTA costs.
- Internal software or clearinghouse edits that do not allow cardiology or general revenue codes for CCTA are incorrect and should be changed.

What can I do?

Engage the finance team: Identify revenue cycle administrators who will understand and support changes in cost reporting. A division/departmental administrator can guide.

Educate administrators: Meet with administrator(s) to discuss the need to alter the APC and billing practices, when appropriate, to support the temporary change. Use cardiology revenue code 048x for CCTA instead of general radiology revenue code 035x.

Monitor for consistency and impact: Implement the coding change with administrator(s) and identify issues, particularly payers that deny the new revenue codes.

Share feedback: Alert ACC if administrator(s) disagrees with the change, or another department opposes these different codes, or payers refuse to acknowledge the deleted return-to-provider edit, or other problems. This positions ACC to advocate for a permanent change or other solutions with CMS. advocacydiv@acc.org