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Dear Medical Director,

CPT code 34839 *Physician planning of a patient-specific fenestrated visceral aortic endograft requiring a minimum of 90 minutes of physician time* went into effect for CY2015. CPT Code 34839 is used to report the physician planning and sizing for a patient-specific fenestrated visceral aortic endograft. The planning includes review of high-resolution cross-sectional images (eg, CT, CTA, MRI) and utilization of 3D software for iterative modeling of the aorta and device in multiplanar views and centerline of flow analysis. Code 348X9 may only be reported when the physician spends a minimum of 90 total minutes of performing patient-specific fenestrated endograft planning. Physician planning time does not need to be continuous and should be clearly documented in the patient record. CPT Code 34839 is reported on the date that planning work is complete and may not be reported on the day before or the day of the fenestrated endovascular repair procedure (34841-34848).

The AMA RVUs Committee (RUC) recommended that CMS contractor price this service. The Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) recommends that Contractor Medical Directors use CPT Code 77301 *Intensity modulated radiotherapy plan, including dose-volume histograms for target and critical structure partial tolerance specifications* as a crosswalk to establish local payment rates for the newly created FEVAR planning code. CPT Code 77301 is a well-established radiation oncology planning code. SVS believes the physician work is comparable between the two services.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at XXX.

Sincerely,

cc: Dr. Ken Slaw