

## Medicare Reimbursement Advisory

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Many new Medicare Administrators have been falling into place within certain jurisdictions. Please note that many of these Administrators are now updating and implementing Local Coverage Determinations for certain CPT Codes. These Determinations define what diagnoses and circumstances are covered under their local Medicare Guidelines. Some of the Medicare Administrators have recently issued new coding policies for Kyphoplasty and Vertebroplasty. Please be sure to check with your local carrier for the most recent guidelines.

### LCD for Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty (Percutaneous)

#### ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Primary Diagnosis Code: 733.13 - Pathological Fracture Of Vertebrae

Secondary Diagnosis Codes: One of the following diagnosis codes must be reported with code 733.13 to support medical necessity:

170.2 Malignant Neoplasm Of Vertebral Column Excluding Sacrum And Coccyx  
198.5 Secondary Malignant Neoplasm Of Bone And Bone Marrow  
203.00 Multiple Myeloma Without Remission  
203.01 Multiple Myeloma In Remission  
213.2 Benign Neoplasm Of Vertebral Column Excluding Sacrum And Coccyx  
228.09 Hemangioma Of Other Sites  
238.0 Neoplasm Of Uncertain Behavior Of Bone And Articular Cartilage  
238.6 Neoplasm Of Uncertain Behavior Of Plasma Cells  
239.2 Neoplasm Of Unspecified Nature Of Bone Soft Tissue And Skin  
277.89 Other Specified Disorders Of Metabolism  
721.7 Traumatic Spondylopathy  
733.00 Osteoporosis Unspecified  
733.01 Senile Osteoporosis  
733.02 Idiopathic Osteoporosis  
733.03 Disuse Osteoporosis  
733.09 Other Osteoporosis

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