

Pulmonary Medicine Reimbursement Guide

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Payment Information

The below chart reflects 2020 unadjusted national Medicare physician fee schedule for global services in the office or the professional services performed at a facility. For outpatient technical components, the 2020 national unadjusted Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) rates are provided. Actual payments will vary by location.

CPT Code	CPT Code Descriptor	2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule — National Average*			2020 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)†	
		Global Payment	Professional Payment	Technical Payment	APC Code	APC Payment
76604	Ultrasound, chest (includes mediastinum), real time with image documentation	\$80.48	\$29.59	\$50.89	5522	\$112.08

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		Global Payment	Professional Payment	APC Code	APC Payment
32555	Thoracentesis, needle or catheter, aspiration of the pleural space, with image guidance	\$319.39	\$116.21	5181	\$630.51
32557	Pleural drainage, percutaneous, with insertion of indwelling catheter, with image guidance	\$633.37	\$158.79	5182	\$1,631.13

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* Source of Information: Department of Health and Human Services. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. CMS Physician Fee Schedule – Final Rule, Addendum B <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Federal-Regulation-Notices-Items/CMS-1715-F>

Reimbursement rates shown for payment of services under the Physicians Fee Schedule reflect a 2020 conversion factor of \$36.0896

† Source: CMS OPPS - <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/hospitaloutpatientppshospital-outpatient-regulations-and-notices/cms-1717-cn>

Please refer to the KOSMOS Reimbursement Overview for additional general ultrasound information.

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