

## DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND

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### I. CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODE RANGES

Diagnostic Ultrasound: 76506 - **76513, 76516** - 76886  
Ultrasonic Guidance: 76930 - 76965  
Ultrasound Other: 76970 - 76999

### II. DESCRIPTION

The visualization of deep structures of the body by recording the reflections (echoes) of pulses of ultrasonic waves direct into the tissues. Ultrasound is used for diagnostic and guidance purposes.

### III. POLICY

A. Ultrasound procedures for diagnosis, guidance, and post-operative evaluation of surgical procedures may be cost-shared.

B. Bone Density studies (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code 76977) are covered for:

1. The diagnosis and monitoring of osteoporosis.
2. For the diagnosis and monitoring of osteopenia.
3. Patients must present with signs and symptoms of bone disease or be considered at high-risk. The following are considered high risk:
  - a. Women who are estrogen-deficient and at clinical risk for osteoporosis
  - b. Individuals who have vertebral abnormalities.
  - c. Individuals receiving long-term glucocorticoid (steroid) therapy.
  - d. Individuals with primary hyperparathyroidism.

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- e. Individuals with positive family history of osteoporosis.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

A. Ultrasound for routine screening for breast disease.

B. Routine screening for osteoporosis is excluded.

**C. Diagnostic ultrasound corneal pachymetry (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure code 76514).**

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