

Clarification - Billing for CPT 27278

When the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed the Non-facility (services performed in an office or a free standing radiology center) professional rate for CPT 27278, *Arthrodesis, sacroiliac joint, percutaneous, with image guidance, including placement of intra-articular implant(s) (e.g., bone allograft[s], synthetic device[s]), without placement of transfixation device*, the cost of the implant used in conjunction with this procedure was included by Medicare in their fee. Because the professional maximum allowable reimbursement (PROF MAR) amounts in the Oklahoma fee schedule are based on Medicare Non-facility rates, the PROF MAR for CPT 27278 also includes the cost of the implant. Accordingly, when billing or reimbursing for this procedure code, the implant should *not* be paid separately, as the implant cost is already included in the professional fee. No additional reimbursement is due to the professional provider or the facility for the implant.