

ERRATA for *Diagnostic Radiology Coding Reference* 2018 Edition

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1. The “entire spine” codes are only utilized when all anatomical areas are imaged on a single film. If separate thoracic and lumbar imaging is performed, report the codes specific to those areas.

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3. **Do not** use codes 74710 and 74775 unless the x-ray is for the specified reason noted in the description. If for any other reason, utilize the procedure describing the study performed [e.g., a KUB for position of the fetus is reported as a KUB **(74018)** ~~(71045)~~].

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4. Report code 74022 when one or more views of the abdomen and one view of the chest are performed **as part of an acute abdominal study**. This can be any view of the chest. **If not performed as part of an acute abdominal study, report the abdominal and chest procedures separately.**

Note: The current NCCI edit between the one-view chest and one-view abdomen codes will be deleted on April 1, 2018, retroactive to January 1, 2018. In the meantime, either hold the claim until after April 1, 2018, or append a distinct procedure modifier to the one-view abdomen code (74018) when the two procedures are performed together, but not part of an acute abdomen series.

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5. Report code 73092 when the upper extremity of an infant is radiographed. ~~There is not a specified age for an infant, but includes children of a size that the entire extremity can be radiographed on one film.~~ **An infant is a child less than one year old.**

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7. Report code 73592 when the lower extremity of an infant is radiographed. ~~There is not a specified age for an infant, but includes children of a size that the entire extremity can be radiographed at one time on one film.~~ **An infant is a child less than one year old.**

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3. **Do not** report more than one of the bone density procedure **code that describes imaging of the same area** codes on a single date of service.

4. If axial and appendicular imaging are both performed, report **both procedures, appending modifier -59 or -XS to the appendicular skeleton code** ~~only the axial skeleton procedure.~~

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There are four procedure codes that are specific to the imaging of pediatric patients. There has not been an age defined for these codes. ~~Use of the codes should be based on whether the structure stated can be placed on a single film.~~ **An infant is a child less than one year old.**