

Stress Testing and Stress Echo Coding July 2023

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Stress Testing

The code set for stress test performance, supervision, and interpretation and report are as follows:

CPT/HCPCS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
93015 - CARDIOVASCULAR STRESS TEST USING MAXIMAL OR SUBMAXIMAL TREADMILL OR BICYCLE EXERCISE, CONTINUOUS ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC MONITORING, AND/OR PHARMACOLOGICAL STRESS; WITH SUPERVISION, INTERPRETATION AND REPORT	Global billing, non-hospital setting	All 3 components: Testing, supervision, and interpretation/report
93016 - CARDIOVASCULAR STRESS TEST USING MAXIMAL OR SUBMAXIMAL TREADMILL OR BICYCLE EXERCISE, CONTINUOUS ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC MONITORING, AND/OR PHARMACOLOGICAL STRESS; SUPERVISION ONLY , WITHOUT INTERPRETATION AND REPORT	Pro Fee (hospital or non-hospital setting)	Supervision only
93017 -CARDIOVASCULAR STRESS TEST USING MAXIMAL OR SUBMAXIMAL TREADMILL OR BICYCLE EXERCISE, CONTINUOUS ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC MONITORING, AND/OR PHARMACOLOGICAL STRESS; TRACING ONLY , WITHOUT INTERPRETATION AND REPORT	Facility Fee	Facility fee - performance of test
93018 - CARDIOVASCULAR STRESS TEST USING MAXIMAL OR SUBMAXIMAL TREADMILL OR BICYCLE EXERCISE, CONTINUOUS ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC MONITORING, AND/OR PHARMACOLOGICAL STRESS; INTERPRETATION AND REPORT ONLY	Pro Fee	Interpretation/report only

Hospitals should charge 93017 for conducting the stress test. The supervising physician charges 93016 on a pro fee claim, and the interpreting physician charges 93018. Note that APC reimbursement under OPPS is indicated for only 93017; the other codes are for professional fee reporting, not facility charges.



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Report Selection | 2023 Hospital Based HCPCS/CPT@ Codes Quarter: Q3 *

2023 HCPCS Codes - ALL Quarter: Q3

Current Descriptor	Fee Schedule	Initial APC	Payment		
<input type="checkbox"/> 93015 - cardiovascular stress test using maximal or submaximal treadmill or bicycle exercise, continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, and/or pharmacological stress; with supervision, interpretation and report B - Non-allowed item or service for OPSS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$80.15 \$80.15			
<input type="checkbox"/> 93016 - cardiovascular stress test using maximal or submaximal treadmill or bicycle exercise, continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, and/or pharmacological stress; supervision only, without interpretation and report B - Non-allowed item or service for OPSS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$22.61 \$22.61			
<input type="checkbox"/> 93017 - cardiovascular stress test using maximal or submaximal treadmill or bicycle exercise, continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, and/or pharmacological stress; tracing only, without interpretation and report Q1 - STV-Packaged codes	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$42.65 \$42.65	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>5722 - Level 2 Diagnostic Tests and Related Services</td> <td>Weight: 3.2723 Payment: \$ 280.06 National Co-pay: \$0.00 Minimum Co-pay: \$56.02</td> </tr> </table>	5722 - Level 2 Diagnostic Tests and Related Services	Weight: 3.2723 Payment: \$ 280.06 National Co-pay: \$0.00 Minimum Co-pay: \$56.02
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<input type="checkbox"/> 93018 - cardiovascular stress test using maximal or submaximal treadmill or bicycle exercise, continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, and/or pharmacological stress; interpretation and report only B - Non-allowed item or service for OPSS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$14.88 \$14.88			

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Stress Echocardiograms

Stress echocardiograms are reported in one of two ways for facility fees:

- Report code 93351 when the hospital provides the resources for the stress echo and the stress test.
- Report 93350 if the hospital provides only the resources for the echo, not the stress test.

Both codes are payable under Medicare’s Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS). In the 2010 OPPS Final Rule, CMS stated the APC payment for 93351 includes the hospital’s payment for code 93017.

According to AHA *Coding Clinic*® for HCPCS, Third Quarter 2012, the hospital should report 93351 “when both a complete stress test and a stress echocardiogram are performed together without contrast, regardless of the fact that it was performed by different departments.” Therefore, hospitals should report the single code 93351 for the facility fee when performing a stress echocardiogram.



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2023 HCPCS Codes - ALL Quarter: Q3

Current Descriptor	Fee Schedule	Initial APC	Payment
<input type="checkbox"/> 93017 - cardiovascular stress test using maximal or submaximal treadmill or bicycle exercise, continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, and/or pharmacological stress; tracing only, without interpretation and report Q1 - STV-Packaged codes	GB (Physician Facility): \$42.65	5722 - Level 2	Weight: 3.2723
	GB (Physician Non-Facility): \$42.65	Diagnostic Tests and Related Services	Payment: \$ 280.06 National Co-pay: \$0.00 Minimum Co-pay: \$56.02
<input type="checkbox"/> 93350 - echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2d), includes m-mode recording, when performed, during rest and cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharmacologically induced stress, with interpretation and report S - Procedure or service, not discounted when multiple	GB (Physician Facility): \$214.60	5524 - Level 4	Weight: 5.8787
	GB (Physician Non-Facility): \$214.60	Imaging without Contrast	Payment: \$ 503.13 National Co-pay: \$0.00 Minimum Co-pay: \$100.63
	26 (Physician Facility): \$73.16		
	26 (Physician Non-Facility): \$73.16		
	TC (Physician Facility): \$141.44 TC (Physician Non-Facility): \$141.44		
<input type="checkbox"/> 93351 - echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2d), includes m-mode recording, when performed, during rest and cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharmacologically induced stress, with interpretation and report; including performance of continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, with supervision by a physician or other qualified health care professional S - Procedure or service, not discounted when multiple	GB (Physician Facility): \$268.42	5524 - Level 4	Weight: 5.8787
	GB (Physician Non-Facility): \$268.42	Imaging without Contrast	Payment: \$ 503.13 National Co-pay: \$0.00 Minimum Co-pay: \$100.63
	26 (Physician Facility): \$87.94		
	26 (Physician Non-Facility): \$87.94		
	TC (Physician Facility): \$180.48 TC (Physician Non-Facility): \$180.48		

The codes for reporting a component of the professional services for stress echos are:

- Stress test supervision – 93016 (no modifier required)
- Stress test interpretation and report – 93018 (no modifier required)
- Stress echocardiogram interpretation – 93350-26

If one physician alone performs all three components listed above, the professional fee may be reported with the single combination code 93351-26.

If pharmacologic stress is utilized, the facility may also report a HCPCS code for the drug administered to induce stress (e.g., dobutamine, J1250 or adenosine, J0153).

Additional Resources

For additional information regarding reporting echocardiography in the facility setting, please see the below PARA Paper available in the Advisor tab of the PDE:

[Facility Echocardiography Coding](#)

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