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OCT: WHAT TO KNOW FOR 2025



Here are the changes and updates you should be prepared for as we head further into the year.

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As of the beginning of 2025, the family of codes for OCT imaging saw some changes. In this article, I provide an overview of these modifications so that you and your office staff can keep up with coding best practices.

DESCRIPTOR CHANGES

Prior to the new year, OCT was defined by CPT as *scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging*. The new descriptor removed the word *scanning*, affecting CPT codes 92132, 92133, and 92134 (Table 1).

A NEW CODE

Effective January 1, a new CPT code, 92137, is available for OCT angiography that does not require an injection of dye like fluorescein angiography (CPT code 92235) and is noninvasive and infusion-free.

NATIONAL CORRECT CODING INITIATIVE CHANGES

CPT code 92133 has been bundled with 92134 since 2011 with a mutually exclusive edit, indicator of 0, which means these tests cannot be billed on the same day or unbundled with modifier -59. It is expected that this bundling will be expanded in 2025 to include a mutually exclusive edit with 92137. This is due to the AMA CPT parenthetical that states codes 92133, 92134, and 92137 cannot be reported at the same patient encounter.

However, when medically necessary fluorescein angiography (CPT code 92235), ICG angiography (92240), or combined fluorescein angiography/ICG angiography (92242) are performed on the same day as OCT angiography (92137), they can be reported separately.

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TABLE 1. NEW OCT DESCRIPTORS AND CODE IN 2025

CPT Code	Descriptor
92132	Computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging (eg, optical coherence tomography [OCT]), anterior segment, with interpretation and report, unilateral and bilateral
92133	Computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging (eg, optical coherence tomography [OCT]), posterior segment, with interpretation and report, unilateral and bilateral; optic nerve
92134	Computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging (eg, optical coherence tomography [OCT]), posterior segment, with interpretation and report, unilateral and bilateral; retina
92137	Computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging (eg, optical coherence tomography [OCT]), posterior segment, with interpretation and report, unilateral and bilateral; retina, including OCT angiography

TABLE 2. OCT RELATIVE VALUE UNIT CHANGES FOR 2025

CPT Code	2024 Total Relative Value Unit	2025 Total Relative Value Unit
92132	0.94	0.89
92133	1.09	0.92
92134	1.21	0.97
92137	N/A	1.76



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By Mizuki Hamada, MD, and Kotaro Tsuboi, MD

RELATIVE VALUE UNIT CHANGES

We've also seen reductions in the relative value unit (RVU) for each of the existing codes and an assigned RVU for the new CPT code for OCT angiography (Table 2).

DESIGNATED HEALTH SERVICE CHANGES

Certain services are considered a designated health service (DHS) per the physician self-referral law, also known as Stark Law. Under certain circumstances, productivity-based group compensation is prohibited for these services. There are exceptions to this rule, for example, if the services were not delegated and the physician performed them.

Historically, CPT codes 92132, 92133, and 92134 have been considered DHS. In 2025, CPT code 92137 joined the list.

Stark Law and productivity-based compensation in group practices is complex, and physicians and practices should consult with an attorney to ensure ongoing compliance.¹

NEW YEAR, NEW CODING TO MASTER

Stay up to date on the CPT code changes and additions regarding OCT with resources such as the AMA's CPT 2025 and the American Academy of Ophthalmology's retina coding guide. For a comprehensive review of the 2025 coding changes, attend a Codequest course near you. ■

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