

# BILLING GUIDANCE

## for the *mild* Procedure (NCT03072927)

Effective for procedures performed on or after February 16, 2017

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) established national coverage for the *mild*® procedure under the national coverage determination (NCD) for percutaneous image-guided lumbar decompression (PILD) for lumbar spinal stenosis (LSS). The *mild*® procedure is now covered for Medicare patients nationwide under a CMS-approved claims analysis study that will passively collect and analyze real-world data to demonstrate the role of the therapy in the continuum of care for LSS.

### FACILITY PAYMENT (subject to national wage indexing)

OPT CODE	ASC	Hospital Outpatient
0275T Percutaneous laminotomy/laminectomy (intradiscal approach) for decompression of neural elements, (with or without ligamentous resection, discectomy, facetectomy and/or foraminotomy) any method under indirect image guidance (e.g., fluoroscopic, CT), with or without the use of an endoscope, single or multiple levels, unilateral or bilateral; lumbar	\$2,647.21	\$5,370.58

### PHYSICIAN PAYMENT

Category III CPT codes do not have assigned relative value units (RVUs) for calculation of physician payment; the physician payment will be at the discretion of the payer. Therefore the physician payment for the *mild*® procedure will be contractor-adjusted by each MAC. It is recommended that you contact your local MAC to determine specific payment levels in your area.

### BILLING SPECIFICS

Effective for hospital outpatient procedures on type of bill 13x or 85x, and for professional claims billed with a place of service (POS) 22 (outpatient) or 24 (ASC), Medicare will allow for the *mild*® procedure (Code 0275T) for LSS, only when billed with:

- ICD-10 diagnosis code M48.06
- Z00.6 code either in the primary or secondary position\* AND
- Condition code 30 in primary or secondary position (institutions only)\* AND
- Modifier Q0 AND
- Clinical trial number 03072927 (Use CT prefix for professional paper claims)

\*Please check with your local MAC administrator to determine appropriate placement of condition code.

If you have any questions please contact your local sales representative or call Vertos Medical Headquarters at (949) 349-0008.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- CMS PILD CED Overview
- MLN Matters® Number: MM8757
- Clinicaltrials.gov Study Record Detail
- CMS Manual System Transmittal 2959

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