COMMON CODING OPTIONS FOR VNS THERAPY
(VAGUS NERVE STIMULATION)

ICD-9-CM (DSM-IV)—DIAGNOSIS CODES

**Depression**
- 296.2x* Major depressive disorder, single episode
- 296.3x* Major depressive disorder, recurrent episode
- 296.5x* Bipolar I disorder, most recent episode (or current) depressed

*x = appropriate level, please specify:
- 0 = unspecified
- 2 = moderate
- 3 = severe, without mention of psychotic behavior
- 5 = in partial or unspecified remission

ICD-9-CM PROCEDURE CODES—IMPLANTATION, REPLACEMENT, OR REMOVAL

- 04.92 Implantation or replacement of peripheral neurostimulator lead(s)
- 86.94 Insertion or replacement of single array neurostimulator pulse generator
- 04.93 Removal of peripheral neurostimulator lead(s)
- 86.05 Incision with removal of foreign body or device from skin and subcutaneous tissue; removal of neurostimulator pulse generator (single array, dual array)

REVENUE CODES

- 278 Medical device and implants
- 360 General classification O.R. services

PHYSICIAN AND OUTPATIENT FACILITY CPT-4 CODES

**Implant**
- 64573 Incision for implantation of neurostimulator electrodes; cranial nerve
- 61885 Insertion or replacement of cranial neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver, direct or inductive coupling; with connection to a single electrode array

**Revision or Removal**
- 64585 Revision or removal of peripheral neurostimulator electrodes
- 61888 Revision or removal of cranial neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver

ANALYSIS-PROGRAMMING—ALL SETTINGS

- 95970 Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator system (eg, rate, pulse, amplitude and duration, configuration of wave form, battery status, electrode selectability, output modulation, cycling, impedance and patient compliance measurements); simple or complex brain, spinal cord, or peripheral (ie, cranial nerve, peripheral nerve, autonomic nerve, neuromuscular) neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, without reprogramming
- 95974 Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator system (eg, rate, pulse, amplitude and duration, configuration of wave form, battery status, electrode selectability, output modulation, cycling, impedance and patient compliance measurements); complex cranial nerve neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming, with or without nerve interface testing, **first hour**
- 95975 Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator system (eg, rate, pulse, amplitude and duration, configuration of wave form, battery status, electrode selectability, output modulation, cycling, impedance and patient compliance measurements); complex cranial nerve neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming, **each additional 30 minutes after first hour** (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
DIAGNOSIS RELATED GROUPS (HOSPITAL INPATIENT ONLY)
007  Peripheral & cranial nerve & other nerve system procedure with complications
008  Peripheral & cranial nerve & other nerve system procedure without complications

MEDICARE OUTPATIENT PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM

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