

EFFECTIVE JUNE 11, 2013 — CMS will cover three (3) PT/CT scans for all clinical indications formerly covered under NOPR

CLINICAL INDICATION	CPT CODE*	ITS*	STS*	EXCEPTIONS
Brain Cancer (Primary)	78608 Brain scan with FDG	Cover	Cover	
Breast Cancer (Male and Female)	78815	Cover w/ exception	Cover	Not covered to determine if detected mass is malignant or benign or for the detection of axillary nodal metastasis of new diagnosis
Cervical Cancer	78815	Cover w/ exception	Cover	Diagnosis of Cervical Cancer is not covered
Colorectal Cancer	78815	Cover	Cover	
Esophageal Cancer	78815	Cover	Cover	
Head and Neck Cancer (Not thyroid or CNS)	78815	Cover	Cover	
Lung Cancer (Non-small cell and small cell)	78815	Cover	Cover	
Lymphoma	78815	Cover	Cover	
Melanoma	78816 Whole Body PT/CT	Cover w/ exception	Cover	Detection of regional nodal metastasis in a newly diagnosed malignant melanoma is not covered
Myeloma	78815	Cover	Cover	
Ovarian Cancer	78815	Cover	Cover	
Pancreatic Cancer	78815	Cover	Cover	
Prostate Cancer	78815	Non-cover	Cover	Diagnosis and initial staging of prostate cancer is not covered
Soft Tissue Sarcoma	78815 78816 Whole Body PT/CT	Cover	Cover	Use 78816 if tumor is present on the arms or legs
Testicular Cancer	78815	Cover	Cover	
Thyroid Cancer	78815	Cover	Cover	
All Other Cancers and Tumors Not Listed	78815 78816 Whole Body PT/CT	Cover	Cover	

ABBREVIATION KEY

ITS* = Medicare Initial Treatment Strategy Coverage

(Formerly diagnosis and staging)

CMS Coverage for ITS - CMS will continue to cover an ITS FDG-PET (PT/CT) scan for beneficiaries when it is needed to determine anti-tumor strategy for the following reasons:

- To determine appropriateness for the beneficiary to receive an invasive diagnostic or therapeutic procedure
- To determine the location for an invasive procedure
- To determine the extent of the tumor when the anti-tumor treatment is dependent on the extent of the tumor

STS* = Medicare Subsequent Treatment Strategy Coverage

(Formerly restaging and monitoring response to treatment)

CMS Coverage for STS – CMS will cover FDG-PET (PT/CT) scans for beneficiaries when used for guiding subsequent management of anti-tumor treatment strategy.

- Coverage of more than 3 FDG-PET (PT/CT) scans shall be determined by the local Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC)