Hospital Outpatient and Physician CODING AND BILLING GUIDE

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services granted the LINX procedure a unique HCPCS Code for billing all Medicare fee-for-service. Effective January 1, 2014, Traditional Medicare (fee-for-service) hospital outpatient and ambulatory surgery center claims for LINX should be billed using the following C-code[2]:

C9737 - Laparoscopy, surgical esophageal sphincter augmentation with device (eg. magnetic band)

COMMON DIAGNOSIS CODES

ICD-9	Description
530.11	Reflux Esophagitis
530.81	Esophageal Reflux

PROFESSIONAL - PHYSICIAN

CPT Code[1]	Description	2014 National Medicare Average[2]
43289	Unlisted Laparoscopy procedure - esophagus	Payer/Carrier Priced

HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT

	CPT/HCPCS Codes[1]	Description	APC	2014 National Medicare Average[2]
Medicare Fee-for-Service	C9737*	Laparoscopy, surgical, esophageal sphincter augmentation with device (eg, magnetic band)	0174	$8,595.40
Commercial Payers	43289	Unlisted Laparoscopy procedure - esophagus		Payer Priced
	L8699	Prosthetic implant, not otherwise specified		Payer Priced

* C9737 is payable in the Ambulatory Surgery Center setting. The 2014 National Medicare Average is $4,747.00

Indication for Use - The LINX® Reflux Management System is indicated for patients diagnosed with Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) as defined by abnormal pH testing, and who continue to have chronic GERD symptoms dispite maximum medical therapy for the treatment of reflux.

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ICD-9	Description
530.11	Reflux Esophagitis
530.81	Esophageal Reflux

HOSPITAL INPATIENT

ICD-9	Description
44.67	Laparoscopic procedures for creation of esophagogastric sphincteric competence

MS-DRG	Description
326	Stomach, esophageal and duodenal procedures with MCC
327	Stomach, esophageal and duodenal procedures with CC
328	Stomach, esophageal and duodenal procedures without CC/MCC

Revenue Codes[1]	Description
278	Medical/surgical supplies, other implants
360	OR Services

1 American Medical Association, CPT® 2014, Professional Edition and HCPCS 2014, Professional Edition.

2 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid 2014 Hospital Outpatient Final Rule, Addendum B, November 27, 2013.

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