

Effective January 1st, 2026, G-Code Issued for Cryoablation Therapy

Cryoablation therapy is a minimally invasive procedure that uses extreme cold to freeze specific nerve fibers, temporarily blocking the transmission of pain signals. This technique can provide long-lasting relief for patients suffering from various pain-related conditions.

What is a G-Code?

G-codes are a set of Medicare & Medicaid billing codes (HCPCS Level II codes) used for new unique medical services that are not covered by a CPT code or are specific to federal and Medicare programs.

CMS Updates

In the calendar year 2026, Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule, CMS included Cryoablation Therapy as a non-opioid pain management product that qualifies for separate payment under the new G-Code. The code is to be billed with a surgical procedure and accounts for the additional time and resources required to perform cryoablation. The G-code is primarily used by Medicare and other government programs, though other payers may choose to adopt it.

Impact of G-Code:

- Separate reimbursement supports procedure adoption
- Highlights opioid-safe pain management alternatives
- Enhances value-based care initiatives



Provider	
G-code	Description
+G0571	Intraoperative nerve(s) cryoablation for post-surgical pain relief (facility)

+Indicates a secondary add-on procedure code to be listed with primary procedure code.

*Cryoablation for the purpose of postoperative pain management is separately billable by the interventionalist/surgeon performing another procedure.

[Federal Register :: Medicare and Medicaid Programs: CY 2026 Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B Payment and Coverage Policies; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; and Medicare Prescription Drug Inflation Rebate Program](#)

U.S. Indication for Use

cryoSPHERE MAX Probe: For Adult Patients: AtriCure's cryoICE cryoSPHERE MAX cryoablation probes are intended for use to temporarily block pain by ablating peripheral nerves performed by freezing target tissues, creating an inflammatory response (cryonecrosis). For Adolescent Patients: The cryoICE cryoSPHERE MAX cryoablation probes are intended for use to temporarily block pain by ablating intercostal nerves under direct visualization¹ in adolescent patients of at least 12 years of age.