

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.