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**Subject:** Daily Hospital Management of Epidural or Subarachnoid Continuous Drug Administration with Injections of Diagnostic or Therapeutic Substances, Including Needle or Catheter Placement, (Including Anesthetic, Antispasmodic, Opioid, Steroid or other Solution) Cervical, Thoracic, Lumbar or Sacral Areas

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01996 (Daily hospital management of epidural or subarachnoid continuous drug administration) bundles with 62310 (Injection(s) of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) {including anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution} not including neurolytic substances, including needle or catheter placement, includes contrast for localization when performed or subarachnoid; cervical or thoracic), 62311 Injection(s) of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) {including anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution} not including neurolytic substances, including needle or catheter placement, includes contrast for localization when performed or subarachnoid; lumbar or sacral {caudal}), 62318 (Injection(s) including indwelling catheter placement, continuous infusion or intermittent bolus, of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) {including anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution}, not including neurolytic substances, includes contrast for localization when performed, epidural or subarachnoid; cervical or thoracic) or 62319 (Injection(s) including indwelling catheter placement, continuous infusion or intermittent bolus, of diagnostic or therapeutic substance(s) {including anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, other solution}, not including neurolytic substances, includes contrast for localization when performed, epidural or subarachnoid; lumbar or sacral {caudal}).

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Anthem Central Region bundles 01996 as incidental to 62310, 62311, 62318 and 62319. Anthem Central Region consider the administration of an anesthetic, antispasmodic, opioid, steroid, or other substance with the placement of a needle or catheter as duplication of service, if daily management of epidural or subarachnoid continuous drug administration is also performed on the same date. Based on the National Correct Coding Initiative Edits 2013 manual, chapter II, section-Standard Anesthesia Coding, number 5, it states:

5. If an epidural or subarachnoid injection (bolus, intermittent bolus, or continuous) is utilized for intraoperative anesthesia and postoperative pain management, CPT code 01996 (daily hospital management of epidural or subarachnoid continuous drug administration) is not separately reportable on the day of insertion of the epidural or subarachnoid catheter. CPT code 01996 may only be reported for management for days subsequent to the date of insertion of the epidural or subarachnoid catheter.

Therefore, if any of the injection codes (62310, 62311, 62318 or 62319) is submitted along with daily management of epidural or subarachnoid drug administration—only the injection codes (62310, 62311, 62318 or 62319) reimburse.

References:
