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**Subject:** Laryngoscopy, Flexible Fiberoptic, Diagnostic with Laryngoscopy, Direct with Injection into Vocal Cord(s), Therapeutic with Operating Microscopy or Telescope

**Edit #784**

**Effective Date:** 7/15/2013 - 12/31/2099

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**Edit:**

31575 (Laryngoscopy, flexible fiberoptic; diagnostic) bundles with 31571 (Laryngoscopy, direct with injection into vocal cord(s), therapeutic with operating microscope or telescope).

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**Rationale for Edit:**

Anthem Central Region bundles 31575 as redundant/mutually exclusive to 31571. Based on the CPT manual which states in paragraphs prior to different endoscopy procedures, such as: “A surgical bronchoscopy always includes diagnostic bronchoscopy when performed by the same physician.” Based on the National Correct Coding Initiative 2013 manual, it states in, Chapter I, Section E-Modifier Indicator, C modifier 58:

“Diagnostic endoscopy is never separately reportable with another endoscopic procedure of the same organ(s) when performed at the same patient encounter. Similarly, diagnostic laparoscopy is never separately reportable with a surgical laparoscopic procedure of the same body cavity when performed at the same patient encounter.”

Therefore, if 31575 is submitted with 31571—only 31571 reimburses.

**References:**