

SINUPLASTY BILLED WITH FUNCTIONAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY (FESS)

Scope

This policy applies to:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaiser Permanente Health Plan of Washington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaiser Permanente Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicare | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid |

Policy

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Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) will not separately reimburse for sinuplasty when billed with a Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS) procedure for the same member on the same date of service by the same provider.

Billing/Coding Guidelines

All claims must be billed according to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines.

Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS) codes include but are not limited to:

CPT Code	Description
31237	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical; with biopsy, polypectomy or debridement
31239	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical; with dacryocystorhinostomy
31240	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical; with concha bullosa resection
31253	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; total (anterior and posterior), including frontal sinus exploration, with removal of tissue from frontal sinus, when performed
31254	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; partial (anterior)
31255	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; total (anterior and posterior)
31256	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with maxillary antrostomy;

31257	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; total (anterior and posterior), including sphenoidotomy
31259	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; total (anterior and posterior), including sphenoidotomy, with removal of tissue from the sphenoid sinus
31267	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with maxillary antrostomy; with removal of tissue from maxillary sinus
31276	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with frontal sinus exploration, including removal of tissue from frontal sinus, when performed
31287	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with sphenoidotomy
31288	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with sphenoidotomy; with removal of tissue from the sphenoid sinus

Sinuplasty codes include but are not limited to:

CPT Code	Description
31295	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with dilation (e.g., balloon dilation); maxillary sinus ostium, transnasal or via canine fossa
31296	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with dilation (e.g., balloon dilation); frontal sinus ostium
31297	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with dilation (e.g., balloon dilation); sphenoid sinus ostium
31298	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with dilation (e.g., balloon dilation); frontal and sphenoid sinus ostia

Policy Definitions

Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS) – A minimally invasive surgery for serious sinus conditions.

Sinuplasty – A minimally invasive technique that is used to treat chronic or recurrent sinusitis or sinus infection.

Prerequisite(s)

Surgical sinus endoscopy always includes a sinusotomy, when appropriate, and diagnostic endoscopy; however, diagnostic endoscopy can be identified separately when performed at the same surgical session as an open procedure.

References

[Medicare NCCI policy manual](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

Not applicable

Revision History

09/12/2023 – New Policy

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