

TherMatrix Coding & Reimbursement

Transurethral microwave thermotherapy may be a covered service if it meets all of the requirements established by Medicare and private payers. Although CMS (formerly HCFA) does not have a national policy for transurethral microwave thermotherapy for the treatment of BPH, it is advisable to check with your local Medicare contractors regarding their coverage policies.

Private payers may recognize transurethral microwave thermotherapy as a safe and effective procedure. However, it is vital that each claim be coded appropriately and supported with adequate documentation in the medical record. We hope you find this guide useful.

I. Physician

a. ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Coding

One or all of the following diagnosis codes may apply (see attached state-by-state chart for ICD-9 codes currently approved by that state's carrier):

ICD-9-CM

<u>Diagnosis Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
600.00	Hypertrophy (benign) of prostate without urinary obstruction.
600.01	Hypertrophy (benign) of prostate with urinary obstruction.
600.10	Nodular prostate without urinary obstruction.
600.11	Nodular prostate with urinary obstruction.
600.20	Benign localized hyperplasia of prostate without urinary obstruction.
600.21	Benign localized hyperplasia of prostate with urinary obstruction.
600.90	Hyperplasia of prostate, unspecified, without urinary obstruction
600.91	Hyperplasia of prostate, unspecified, with urinary obstruction
600.3	Cyst of prostate

b. CPT Coding

<u>CPT Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>*2005 Medicare National Average Medicare Fee Schedule Amount Non-Facility (physician's office)</u>
53850	Transurethral destruction of prostate tissue; by microwave thermotherapy	\$3,947.78

II. Facility

Transurethral microwave thermotherapy can be a covered procedure when performed in the physician's office, hospital outpatient or inpatient settings. Currently, non-Medicare payers may also pay for the procedure when it is performed in the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) setting. We strongly suggest that you consult your payer organizations with regard to local coverage and reimbursement policies.

a. ICD-9-CM Procedure Coding

ICD-9-CM

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
60.29	Other transurethral prostatectomy