

Addendum to the Peripheral Vascular Intervention Guidelines

This addendum serves as notice of revised content within Evicore-Cigna Co-branded Peripheral Vascular Intervention Guidelines resulting from American Medical Association (AMA) and HCPCS code updates effective October 1, 2026.

The criteria in this addendum apply to AMA codes 1091T and 1099T (listed in the table below) and are effective 10/01/2026. The V1.0.2027 guidelines will include these code updates effective April 2027. This addendum addresses criteria for these codes.

Added Codes

Guideline section	Codes	Description
Carotid and Vertebral Revascularization	1091T	Placement of permanent common carotid artery filter, percutaneous, bilateral, including ultrasound guidance, when performed
High-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) Transcutaneous Ablation	1099T	Ablation of incompetent vein(s), extremity, transcutaneous, high intensity–focused ultrasound (HIFU), inclusive of all imaging guidance and monitoring

Deleted codes

Guideline section	Codes	Crosswalk to new code
Carotid and Vertebral Revascularization	C8010	1091T

Criteria

Other Carotid Treatments

Permanent common carotid artery filter

Criteria

Further studies are needed to evaluate the safety, clinical efficacy, and long-term stability of the permanent common carotid artery filter (e.g., Vine). Placement of a

permanent common carotid artery filter is considered experimental, investigational, or unproven at this time.

High-intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) Transcutaneous Ablation

Criteria

High-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) is an emerging noninvasive thermal ablation technique for treating superficial venous insufficiency (SVI), including incompetent great saphenous veins (GSV), small saphenous veins (SSV), accessory saphenous veins, and some perforator veins. Due to the lack of evidence of long-term efficacy and safety, this procedure is considered not medically necessary.

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Permanent common carotid artery filter

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High-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) Transcutaneous Ablation

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