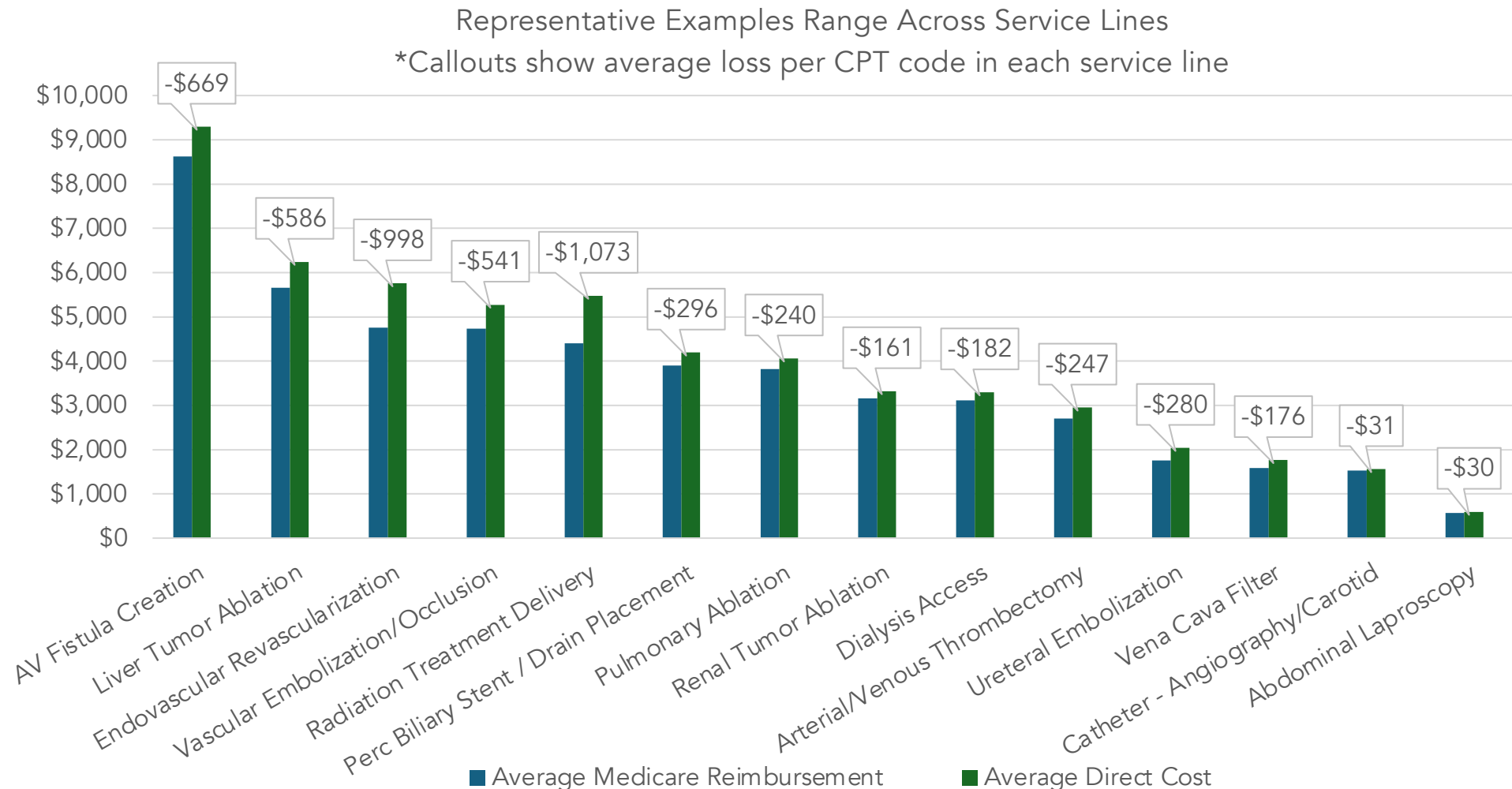


# Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Reimbursement is Less Than Costs for At Least 195 Office-Based Physician Fee Schedule Services

In 2024, according to CMS data, there are 195 CPT codes for which total reimbursement is less than their direct costs. In other words, payment is insufficient for these codes before even considering the added costs associated with indirect costs, provider work, and malpractice insurance.



1. Data is based on 2024 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule Total Non-Facility Reimbursement and Total Direct Costs.

2. Radiation Treatment Delivery data assumes 25 fractions for typical prostate cancer patient. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9441303/>.

# 195 CPT Codes where Total Reimbursement < Direct Costs

19288	Perq dev breast add mr guide	37223	Iliac revasc w/stent add-on	52442	Cystourethro w/addl implant	78830	Rp loclczj turn spect w/ct 1	93926	Lower extremity study
20983	Ablate bone tumor(s) perq	37224	Fem/popl revas w/tla	53860	Transurethral rf treatment	78832	Rp loclczj turn spect w/ct 2	93931	Upper extremity study
21127	Augmentation lower jaw bone	37225	Fem/popl revas w/ather	55874	Tprnl plmt biodegrdabl matrl	86486	Skin test unlisted antign ea	93985	Dup-scan hemo compl bi std
21215	Lower jaw bone graft	37226	Fem/popl revasc w/stent	58558	Hysteroscopy biopsy	88120	Cytp urne 3-5 probes ea spec	93986	Dup-scan hemo compl uni std
27278	Arthrld si jt prq wo txfj dev	37227	Fem/popl revasc stnt & ather	58563	Hysteroscopy ablation	88121	Cytp urine 3-5 probes cmptr	93990	Doppler flow testing
31627	Navigational bronchoscopy	37228	Tib/per revasc w/tla	77078	Ct bone density axial	88184	Flowcytometry/ tc 1 marker	94760	Measure blood oxygen level
31634	Bronch w/balloon occlusion	37229	Tib/per revasc w/ather	77290	Set radiation therapy field	88185	Flowcytometry/tc add-on	94761	Measure blood oxygen level
32994	Ablate pulm tumor perq crybl	37230	Tib/per revasc w/stent	77372	Srs linear based	88314	Histochemical stains add-on	94762	Measure blood oxygen level
32998	Ablate pulm tumor perq rf	37231	Tib/per revasc stent & ather	77373	Sbrt delivery	88361	immunohistochem/comput	95012	Exhaled nitric oxide meas
33285	Insj subq car rhythm mntr	37232	Tib/per revasc add-on	77610	Hyperthermia treatment	88367	Insitu hybridization auto	95070	Bronchial allergy tests
36010	Place catheter in vein	37234	Revsc opn/prq tib/pero stent	77615	Hyperthermia treatment	88373	M/phmtrc alys ishquant/semi	95145	Antigen therapy services
36014	Place catheter in artery	37235	Tib/per revasc stnt & ather	78013	Thyroid imaging w/blood flow	88374	M/phmtrc alys ishquant/semi	95146	Antigen therapy services
36140	Intro ndl icath upr/lxtr art	37236	Open/perq place stent 1st	78016	Thyroid met imaging/studies	88377	M/phmtrc alys ishquant/semi	95147	Antigen therapy services
36200	Place catheter in aorta	37237	Open/perq place stent ea add	78075	Adrenal cortex & medulla img	88381	Microdissection manual	95148	Antigen therapy services
36221	Place cath thoracic aorta	37238	Open/perq place stent same	78103	Bone marrow imaging mult	89230	Collect sweat for test	95149	Antigen therapy services
36245	Ins cath abd/l-ext art 1st	37239	Open/perq place stent ea add	78110	Plasma volume single	91065	Breath hydrogen/methane test	95807	Sleep study attended
36247	Ins cath abd/l-ext art 3rd	37241	Vasc embolize/occlude venous	78111	Plasma volume multiple	92977	Dissolve clot heart vessel	98975	Rem ther mntr 1st setup&edu
36251	Ins cath ren art 1st unilat	37242	Vasc embolize/occlude artery	78120	Red cell mass single	93017	Cardiovascular stress test	98977	Rem ther mntr dv sply mscskl
36253	Ins cath ren art 2nd+ unilat	37243	Vasc embolize/occlude organ	78121	Red cell mass multiple	93225	Ecg monit/reprt up to 48 hrs	99454	Rem mntr physiol param dev
36254	Ins cath ren art 2nd+ bilat	37244	Vasc embolize/occlude bleed	78130	Red cell survival study	93226	Ecg monit/reprt up to 48 hrs	G0106	Colon ca screen;barium enema
36465	Njx noncmpnd sclrsnt 1 vein	37246	Trluml balo angiop 1st art	78140	Red cell sequestration	93229	Remote 30 day ecg tech supp	G0120	Colon ca scrn; barium enema
36466	Njx noncmpnd sclrsnt mlt vn	37252	Intrvasc us noncoronary 1st	78185	Spleen imaging	93241	Ext ecg>48hr<7d rec scan a/r	G0166	Extrnl counterpulse, per tx
36473	Endovenous mchnchem 1st vein	40806	Incision of lip fold	78191	Platelet survival	93242	Ext ecg>48hr<7d recording	G0288	Recon, cta for surg plan
36482	Endoven ther chem adhes 1st	47383	Perq abltj lvr cryoablation	78227	Hepatobil syst image w/drug	93243	Ext ecg>48hr<7d scan a/r	G0341	Percutaneous islet celltrans