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## CARDIAC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT

# National Medicare Reimbursement Guide

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT-P & CRT-D)

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## Biventricular Pacing / Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT)

In certain circumstances, an additional lead may be required to achieve pacing of the left ventricle (biventricular pacing). In this event, the additional transvenous lead placement should be separately reported using CPT<sup>®</sup> 33224 or 33225. 33226 is reported for repositioning. See the Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy section for more information.

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# CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY (CRT)

## Physician

CRT procedures are often reported with add-on code 33225. Add-on code 33225 can be performed when medically appropriate with the primary service/procedure codes listed below. Add-on codes may not be reported as a stand-alone and must be billed when performed in conjunction with the primary service or procedure. Add-on codes qualify for separate payment for physicians and are not subject to the Physician Multiple Payment Reduction Rule.

CPT <sup>‡</sup> CODE	ADD-ON CODE CPT <sup>‡</sup> CODE DESCRIPTOR (LIST SEPARATELY IN ADDITION TO CODE FOR THE PRIMARY PROCEDURE)	WORK RVU	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE		REPORT WITH PRIMARY PROCEDURE CODE
			FACILITY	NON-FACILITY	
<b>LEFT VENTRICULAR LEAD PLACEMENT FOR CRT PROCEDURES</b>					
+33225	Insertion of pacing electrode, cardiac venous system, for left ventricular pacing, at time of insertion of implantable defibrillator or pacemaker pulse generator (e.g., for upgrade to dual chamber system) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	8.33	\$442	NA	33206, 33207, 33208, 33212, 33213, 33214, 33216, 33217, 33221, 33223, 33228, 33229, 33230, 33231, 33233, 33234, 33235, 33240, 33249, 33263, or 33264

**NA:** Medicare has not established a payment amount for this code. Check with your local Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) to verify the payment amount.

+ Indicates an add-on-code.

It is incumbent upon the physician to determine which, if any, modifiers should be used first.

## CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY (CRT)

### Physician

CPT CODE	DESCRIPTION	WORK RVU	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE	
			FACILITY	NON-FACILITY
OTHER CRT PROCEDURES				
33224	Insertion of pacing electrode, cardiac venous system, for left ventricular pacing, with attachment to previously placed pacemaker or implantable defibrillator pulse generator (including revision of pocket, removal, insertion, and/or replacement of existing generator)	9.04	\$491	NA
33226	Repositioning of previously implanted cardiac venous system (left ventricular) electrode (including removal, insertion and/or replacement of existing generator)	8.68	\$470	NA
33229	Removal of permanent pacemaker pulse generator with replacement of pacemaker pulse generator; multiple lead system	5.79	\$360	NA
33221	Insertion of pacemaker pulse generator only; with existing multiple leads	5.55	\$346	NA
33264	Removal of implantable defibrillator pulse generator with replacement of implantable defibrillator pulse generator; multiple lead system	6.35	\$390	NA
33231	Insertion of implantable defibrillator pulse generator only; with existing multiple leads	6.34	\$388	NA

**NA:** Medicare has not established a payment amount for this code. Check with your local Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) to verify the payment amount. It is incumbent upon the physician to determine which, if any, modifiers should be used first.



# CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY (CRT)

## Hospital Outpatient

CRT procedures are often reported with add-on code 33225. Add-on code 33225 can be performed when medically appropriate with the primary service/procedure codes listed below. Add-on codes may not be reported as a stand-alone and must be billed when performed in conjunction with the primary service or procedure. Some of these code combinations qualify for a complexity adjusted APC assignment; APC assignments are shown below.

CPT <sup>®</sup> CODE	ADD-ON CODE CPT <sup>®</sup> CODE DESCRIPTOR (LIST SEPARATELY IN ADDITION TO CODE FOR THE PRIMARY PROCEDURE)	STATUS INDICATOR	REPORT WITH PRIMARY PROCEDURE CODE	APC (WHEN REPORTED WITH PRIMARY CODE)	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE
<b>LEFT VENTRICULAR LEAD PLACEMENT FOR CRT PROCEDURES</b>					
+33225	Insertion of pacing electrode, cardiac venous system, for left ventricular pacing, at time of insertion of implantable defibrillator or pacemaker pulse generator (e.g., for upgrade to dual chamber system) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	N	33234, 33235	5221	\$3,746
			33212, 33216, 33217, 33233	5222	\$8,103
			33213, 33214	5223	\$10,185
			33206, 33207, 33208, 33221, 33228, 33229	5224	\$18,585
			33230, 33240, 33263	5231	\$22,482
			33231, 33249, 33264	5232	\$31,379

N: Items and services packaged into APC rates  
+ Indicates an add-on-code





# CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY (CRT)

## Hospital Outpatient

CPT CODE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS INDICATOR	APC	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE
<b>OTHER CRT PROCEDURES</b>				
33221	Insertion of pacemaker pulse generator only; with existing multiple lead	J1	5224	\$18,585
33224	Insertion of pacing electrode, cardiac venous system, for left ventricular pacing, with attachment to previously placed pacemaker or implantable defibrillator pulse generator (including revision of pocket, removal, insertion, and/or replacement of existing generator)	J1	5223	\$10,185
33226	Repositioning of previously implanted cardiac venous system (left ventricular) electrode (including removal, insertion and /or replacement of existing generator)	J1	5183	\$3,040
33229	Removal of permanent pacemaker pulse generator with replacement of pacemaker pulse generator; multiple lead system	J1	5224	\$18,585
33231	Insertion of implantable defibrillator pulse generator only; with existing multiple leads	J1	5232	\$31,379
33264	Removal of implantable defibrillator pulse generator with replacement of implantable defibrillator pulse generator; multiple lead system	J1	5232	\$31,379

J1: Hospital Part B services paid through a comprehensive APC



## CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY (CRT)

### Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)

CPT <sup>®</sup> CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT INDICATOR	MULTI-PROCEDURE DISCOUNT	MEDICARE LOCAL RATE	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE
<b>CRT-P PROCEDURES</b>					
C7537	insertion of atrial pacemaker with left ventricular lead	J8	Y	\$10,569	\$10,569
C7538	insertion of ventricular pacemaker with left ventricular lead	J8	Y	\$10,767	\$10,767
C7539	insertion of atrial and ventricular pacemaker with left ventricular lead	J8	Y	\$10,985	\$10,985
C7540	Removal and replacement of dual pacemaker with left ventricular lead	J8	Y	\$10,811	\$10,811
<b>OTHER CRT PROCEDURES</b>					
33224	Insertion of pacing electrode, cardiac venous system, for left ventricular pacing, with attachment to previously placed pacemaker or implantable defibrillator pulse generator (including revision of pocket, removal, insertion, and/or replacement of existing generator)	J8	Y	\$7,724	\$7,724
33226	Repositioning of previously implanted cardiac venous system (left ventricular) electrode (including removal, insertion and/or replacement of existing generator)	J8	Y	\$1,950	\$1,950
33229	Removal of permanent pacemaker pulse generator with replacement of pacemaker pulse generator; multiple lead system	J8	Y	\$12,867	\$12,867
33221	Insertion of pacemaker pulse generator only; with existing multiple leads	J8	Y	\$13,052	\$13,052
33264	Removal of implantable defibrillator pulse generator with replacement of implantable defibrillator pulse generator; multiple lead system	J8	Y	\$25,027	\$25,027
33231	Insertion of implantable defibrillator pulse generator only; with existing multiple leads	J8	Y	\$25,183	\$25,183

**G2:** Non-office-based surgical procedure added in CY 2008 or later; payment based on OPSS relative payment weight

**J8:** Device-intensive procedure; paid at an adjusted rate.



# CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY (CRT)

## Hospital Inpatient

Note: report the combination of device insertion and/or lead(s) codes that best describe the procedure performed

ICD-10 PCS CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPICAL MS-DRG ASSIGNMENT	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE
<b>PERMANENT CARDIAC PACEMAKER IMPLANT (DRGs 242, 243 AND 244)</b>			
0JH607Z	Insertion of cardiac resynchronization pacemaker pulse generator into chest subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach	242 with MCC	\$24,191
0JH637Z	Insertion of cardiac resynchronization pacemaker pulse generator into chest subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach		
0JH807Z	Insertion of cardiac resynchronization pacemaker pulse generator into abdomen subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach	243 with CC	\$15,947
0JH837Z	Insertion of cardiac resynchronization pacemaker pulse generator into abdomen subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach		
02HL4JZ	Insertion of pacemaker lead into left ventricle, percutaneous endoscopic approach	244 without CC/MCC	\$12,809
02HL3JZ	Insertion of pacemaker lead into left ventricle, percutaneous approach		
02HL0JZ	Insertion of pacemaker lead into left ventricle, open approach		
02H44JZ	Insertion of pacemaker lead into coronary vein, percutaneous endoscopic approach		
02H43JZ	Insertion of pacemaker lead into coronary vein, percutaneous approach		
02H40JZ	Insertion of pacemaker lead into coronary vein, open approach		

CC: complication or comorbidity. MCC: a major complication or comorbidity when used as a secondary diagnosis

# CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY (CRT)

## Hospital Inpatient

Note: report the combination of device insertion and/or lead(s) codes that best describes the procedure performed

ICD-10 PCS CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPICAL MS-DRG ASSIGNMENT	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE
<b>CARDIAC PACEMAKER DEVICE REPLACEMENT (DRGs 258 AND 259)</b>			
0JPT0PZ	Removal of cardiac rhythm related device from trunk subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach	258 with MCC	\$18,965
0JPT3PZ	Removal of cardiac rhythm related device from trunk subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach	259 without MCC	\$13,069
<b>CARDIAC PACEMAKER REVISION EXCEPT DEVICE REPLACEMENT (DRGs 260, 261 AND 262)</b>			
02WA0MZ	Revision of cardiac lead in heart, open approach	260 with MCC	\$23,212
02WA3MZ	Revision of cardiac lead in heart, percutaneous approach		
02WA4MZ	Revision of cardiac lead in heart, percutaneous endoscopic approach	261 with CC	\$13,176
0JWT0PZ	Revision of cardiac rhythm related device in trunk subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach	262 without CC/MCC	\$11,520
0JWT3PZ	Revision of cardiac rhythm related device in trunk subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach		

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## Hospital Inpatient

Note: report the combination of device insertion and/or lead(s) codes that best describes the procedure performed

ICD-10 PCS CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPICAL MS-DRG ASSIGNMENT	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE		
<b>CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATOR IMPLANT (DRGs 275, 276, 277)</b>					
0JH609Z	Insertion of cardiac resynchronization defibrillator pulse generator into chest subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach	<b>With Cardiac Catheterization, with AMI/HF/SHOCK</b>			
0JH639Z	Insertion of cardiac resynchronization defibrillator pulse generator into chest subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach			275 with MCC	\$49,262
0JH809Z	Insertion of cardiac resynchronization defibrillator pulse generator into abdomen subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach			276 with MCC	\$43,481
0JH839Z	Insertion of cardiac resynchronization defibrillator pulse generator into abdomen subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach			277 without MCC	\$33,484
02HL4KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into left ventricle, percutaneous endoscopic approach				
02HL3KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into left ventricle, percutaneous approach				
02HL0KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into left ventricle, open approach				
02H44KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into coronary vein, percutaneous endoscopic approach				
02H43KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into coronary vein, percutaneous approach				
02H40KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into coronary vein, open approach				

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## Hospital Inpatient

Note: report the combination of device insertion and/or lead(s) codes that best describes the procedure performed

ICD-10 PCS CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPICAL MS-DRG ASSIGNMENT	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE
<b>AICD GENERATOR PROCEDURES (DRG 245)</b>			
0JH609Z	Insertion of Cardiac Resynchronization Defibrillator Pulse Generator into Chest Subcutaneous Tissue and Fascia, Open Approach	245	\$31,727
0JH639Z	Insertion of Cardiac Resynchronization Defibrillator Pulse Generator into Chest Subcutaneous Tissue and Fascia, Percutaneous Approach		
0JH809Z	Insertion of Cardiac Resynchronization Defibrillator Pulse Generator into Abdomen Subcutaneous Tissue and Fascia, Open Approach		
0JH839Z	Insertion of Cardiac Resynchronization Defibrillator Pulse Generator into Abdomen Subcutaneous Tissue and Fascia, Percutaneous Approach		
<b>AICD LEAD PROCEDURES (DRG 265)</b>			
02H43KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into coronary vein, percutaneous approach	265	\$24,744
02H43MZ	Insertion of cardiac lead into coronary vein, percutaneous approach		
02H63KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into right atrium, percutaneous approach		
02H73KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into left atrium, percutaneous approach		
02HK3KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into right ventricle, percutaneous approach		
02HL3KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into left ventricle, percutaneous approach		
02HN0KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into pericardium, open approach		
02HN4KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into pericardium, percutaneous endoscopic approach		

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## Hospital Inpatient

Note: report the combination of device insertion and/or lead(s) codes that best describes the procedure performed

ICD-10 PCS CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPICAL MS-DRG ASSIGNMENT	MEDICARE NATIONAL RATE
AICD LEAD PROCEDURES (DRG 265) (continued)			
02HL4KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into left ventricle, percutaneous endoscopic approach	265	\$24,744
02HL0KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into left ventricle, open approach		
02HK4KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into right ventricle, percutaneous endoscopic approach		
02HK0KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into right ventricle, open approach		
02H44KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into coronary vein, percutaneous endoscopic approach		
02H60KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into right atrium, open approach		
02H64KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into right atrium, percutaneous endoscopic approach		
02H70KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into left atrium, open approach		
02H74KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into left atrium, percutaneous endoscopic approach		

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