



Utilization Review Matrix 2026
Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina
University of Vermont Members

Authorized CPT Code	Description	Allowable Billed Groupings
72125	CT Cervical Spine	72125, 72126, 72127, +0722T
72131	CT Lumbar Spine	72131, 72132, 72133, +0722T
72141	MRI Cervical Spine	72141, 72142, 72156, +0698T
72148	MRI Lumbar Spine	72148, 72149, 72158, +0698T
72192	CT Pelvis	72192, 72193, 72194, +0722T
72196	MRI Pelvis	72195, 72196, 72197, +0698T
75557	MRI Heart	75557, 75559, 75561, 75563, +75565, +0698T
76390	MR Spectroscopy	76390, +0698T
77046	MRI Breast	77046, 77047, 77048, 77049, +0698T
78429	Heart PET Scan with CT for Attenuation	78459, 78491, 78492, +78434, 78429, 78430, 78431, 78432, 78433
78459	Heart PET Scan	78459, 78491, 78492, +78434
78608	PET Scan, Brain	78608, 78609
78813 ^{1, 2}	PET Scan	78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, 78816
78816 ^{1, 2}	PET Scan with concurrently acquired CT for attenuation correction and anatomic, localization.	78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, 78816

¹ Evolent will not be making a medical necessity determination as to which of these codes are appropriate. Instead, we will make a determination as to whether the PET scan itself is indicated and then expect the imaging facility to bill in a fashion that accurately describes what was performed.

² The 78814 series describes a PET scan where CT technology is used to better “focus” the PET scanning. When an ordering physician requests a PET scan, they won’t know whether or not an older machine will be used without the CT component. Evolent’s tumor imaging clinical guidelines does not make a distinction between which technique is used. If a PET scan is clinically indicated, use of either series of codes is acceptable. Accordingly, we are expanding the list of “Allowable Billable Groupings” to take this into account. These codes are NOT to be used for a study typically called PET fusion. A PET fusion study is where a PET Scan and a diagnostic CT scan are performed on the same machine simultaneously. Under this situation one is instructed by CPT to bill using both the PET CPT code and the CT scan code describing the body region and procedure performed. The CT code should be appended with a modifier 59 to ensure proper payment. When receiving such requests, Evolent will review the medical necessity for both the PET scan and the CT scan and issue UM determinations on both codes.