

# 2019 Coding Changes-Fine Needle Aspirations

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*The descriptor for CPT 10021 will change from “Fine needle aspiration; without imaging guidance” to “Fine needle aspiration biopsy, without imaging guidance; first lesion” on January 1, 2019.*

With the new specification that this code is only to be used for the first lesion, a new add code is being added for each additional lesion aspirated and it is:

**CPT 10X11—each additional lesion As this is an add-on code, it should only be listed on a claim form directly under CPT 10021 and, because it is an add-on code, it should never be modified with a 51 or 59 or Medicare “X” modifier.**

**CPT 10022 (with imaging guidance) will be deleted effective January 1, 2019**

Whereas CPT 10022 did not specify the type of imaging guidance, the new codes listed below differ based on the type of imaging guidance used when performing fine needle aspiration.

## **New CPT Codes:**

- ⇒ **10X12—Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including ultrasound guidance; first lesion**
- ⇒ **10X13—each additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)**
- ⇒ **10X14—Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including fluoroscopic guidance; first lesion**
- ⇒ **10X15—each additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)**
- ⇒ **10X16—Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including CT guidance; first lesion**
- ⇒ **10X17—each additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)**
- ⇒ **10X18—Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including MR guidance; first lesion**
- ⇒ **10X19—each additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)**

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All of the above changes are finalized and go into effect January 1, 2019. Be on the lookout for CMS to announce the numerical replacements for the "X"s listed in the CPT codes above and make the changes in your practice now that will be necessary to be fully operational with these code changes on January 1, 2019