



Please support increased reimbursement for non-cardiac CEUS!

The International Contrast Ultrasound Society (ICUS) is asking the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to assign non-cardiac CEUS billing codes to a higher payment code. The purpose of the request is to facilitate adequate reimbursement and provide clinical coherency, consistent with the benefits of CEUS to patients and health care systems.

In a letter submitted electronically to CMS on August 26, 2025, the ICUS Board of Directors asked CMS to reassign CPT Code 76978 and CPT Code 76979 from APC 5571 (Level 1 Imaging with Contrast) to APC 5572 (Level 2 Imaging with Contrast). ICUS is not seeking a change in reimbursement for cardiac CEUS.

We hope we can count on your support!

- **Please submit a statement supporting Level 2 payment for non-cardiac CEUS by September 14, 2025.** You may use the following link or QR code:

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/CMS-2025-0306-0002>



- **Please be sure to reference CMS-1834-P so your letter is directed to the proper file.**
- **Feel free to use or adapt the template below.**
- **Please also forward this letter to your colleagues and ask them to submit letters of support.**

If you would like additional information, please read the ICUS letter to CMS found here: <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/CMS-2025-0306-0600> or email ICUS at: Info@ICUS-Society.Org.

Thank you!

[Template follows]

Suggested template for individual letters to CMS

TO: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
Mehmet Oz, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

File: CMS-1834-P

Subject: Reassignment of CPT Codes 76978 and 76979 to APC 5572 (Level 2 Imaging with Contrast)

Dear Secretary Kennedy and Dr. Oz:

I am **[insert your title, institution, experience with CEUS]**.

I support the reassignment of CPT Codes 76978 and 76979 from APC 5571 (Level 1 Imaging with Contrast) to APC 5572 (Level 2 Imaging with Contrast) because:

- CEUS is a safe, accurate and cost-effective diagnostic imaging modality.
- CEUS often reduces unnecessary downstream tests and procedures.
- CEUS sensitivity and specificity are equivalent to that of CT and MRI.
- Broader use of CEUS will benefit patients and the US healthcare system, consistent with clinical guidelines and best practices.
- Reassignment would establish clinical coherence since other contrast-enhanced imaging procedures are currently assigned to APC 5572.

Thank you very much for giving this your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
[Insert your name]