



MEDICARE 2026 CODING & PAYMENT FOR CEUS

This document arrays 2026 Medicare coding & national average payment amounts for the use of contrast-enhanced ultrasound (CEUS) procedures in the United States. It neither interprets payer policy nor guarantees payment. Actual payments are site-specific and may differ from the examples here. **Providers are solely responsible for accurate coding & billing.**

Contrast agents (Average Sales Price (ASP) Q1 2026) – PAID IN ADDITION TO PROCEDURE

Lumason® (Bracco)	Q9950	Injec, sulf hexa lipid microspheres, per ml, - 5 ml single use vial	\$18.17/ml -- \$90.83/vial
Optison™ (GE Healthcare)	Q9956	Injec, octafluoropropane microspheres, per ml,- 3 ml single use vial	\$40.21/ml -- \$120.61/vial
Definity® (Lantheus)	Q9957	Injec, perflutren lipid microspheres, per ml, - 2 ml single use vial	\$40.21/ml -- \$80.41/vial

Non-Cardiac US with contrast

Non-Facility (Office/ Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility)

CPT - HCPCS	Description	Prof	Tech (TC)	Global
76978	US, targeted dynamic microbubble sonographic contrast characterization (non-cardiac); initial lesion	\$74.48	\$96.86	\$171.35
76979	US, targeted dynamic microbubble sonographic contrast characterization (non-cardiac); each add'l lesion w separate injection (Add-on code, list separately)	\$39.41	\$67.47	\$106.88

Facility (Hospital Outpatient Department)

CPT - HCPCS	Description	APC	Level	Facility
76978	US, targeted dynamic microbubble sonographic contrast characterization (non-cardiac); initial lesion	5572	Level 2 imaging w contrast	\$ 356.43
76979	US, targeted dynamic microbubble sonographic contrast characterization (non-cardiac); each add'l lesion w separate injection (Add-on code, list separately)			Packaged

Cardiac US with contrast

Non-Facility (Office/ Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility)

	CPT - HCPCS	Description	Prof	Tech (TC)	Global
TTE congenital anomalies	93303	TTE for congenital cardiac anomalies; complete	\$ 60.12	\$160.32	\$220.45
TEE congenital anomalies	93315	TEE for congenital cardiac anomalies; including probe placement, image acquisition, interp & report	\$123.58	Carrier priced	N/A
TTE stress test	93350	TTE, real-time (RT) w image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, during rest & cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharmacologically induced stress, w interp & report	\$67.47	\$117.91	\$185.37
Doppler	93320	Doppler echo, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave w spectral display; complete (Add-on code, list separately)	\$17.37	\$34.07	\$51.44
TTE w spectral Doppler	93306	TTE, RT w image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, complete, w spectral Doppler echo, & w color flow Doppler echo	\$67.47	\$129.26	\$196.73
TTE w/o spectral Doppler	93307	TTE, RT w image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, complete, w/o spectral or color Doppler echo	\$43.09	\$94.86	\$137.95
USE OF CONTRAST AGENTS					
Cardiac ultrasound w contrast (add on)	0439T	Contrast perfusion, at rest or w stress, to assess myocardial ischemia or viability (Add-on code, list separately)	N/A	N/A	Carrier priced
	93352	Use of contrast agent during stress echo (Add-on code, list separately)	N/A	N/A	\$35.74

Facility (Hospital Outpatient Department)

C-Codes are illustrative. Hospital Outpatient (OP) departments bill Original Medicare C8921-C8930 for echocardiography. Commercial payers & Medicare Advantage plans may not accept C-codes. If not, refer to CPT 933XX.

	CPT - HCPCS	Description	Prof	Tech (TC)	Global
TTE congenital anomalies	C8921	Transthoracic echo w contrast, or w/o contrast followed by w contrast, for congenital cardiac anomalies; complete	5573	Level 3 imaging w contrast	\$800.90
TEE congenital anomalies	C8926	TEE w contrast, or w/o followed by w contrast, for congenital cardiac anomalies; includd probe placement, image acquisition, interp & report			
TTE stress test	C8928	TTE w contrast, or w/o followed by w contrast, RT w image doc (2D), M-mode recording, when performed, during rest & cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharma-induced stress, w interp & report			
Doppler	C8929	TTE w contrast, or w/o followed by w contrast, RT w image documentation (2D), M-mode recording, when performed, complete, w spectral Doppler echo, & w color flow Doppler echo			
TTE w spectral Doppler	C8929	TTE w contrast, or w/o followed by w contrast, RT w image documentation (2D), M-mode recording, when performed, complete, w spectral Doppler echo, & w color flow Doppler echo			
TTE w/o spectral Doppler	C8923	TTE w contrast, or w/o followed by w contrast, RT w image documentation (2D), M-mode recording, when performed, complete, w/o spectral or color Doppler echo			
USE OF CONTRAST AGENTS					
Cardiac ultrasound w contrast (add on)	0439T	Contrast perfusion, at rest or w stress, to assess myocardial ischemia or viability (Add-on code, list separately)	N/A		Carrier priced
	93352	Use of contrast agent during stress echo (Add-on code, list separately)	N/A		Packaged

NOTES AND ABBREVIATIONS:

- Ultrasound (US)
- Transesophageal echo (TEE)
- Transthoracic echocardiography (TTE)
- Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) -- a registered trademark of the American Medical Association.
- HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) -- a standardized coding system for Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurers.
- APC (Ambulatory Payment Classification) -- Medicare classification system used to pay hospitals for outpatient services.
- See, also: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/part-b-drugs/asp-pricing-files>