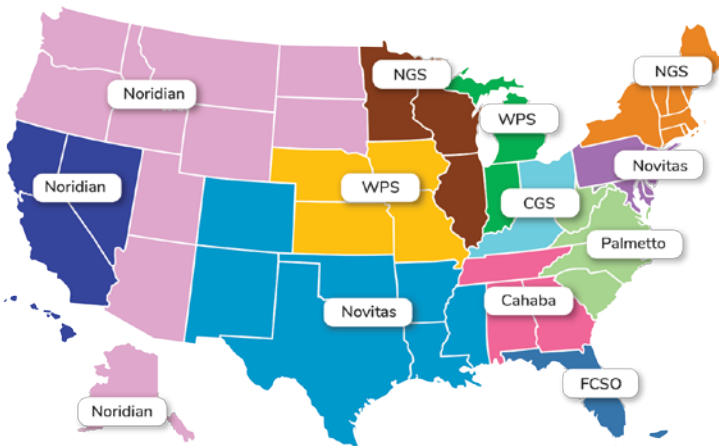


# Medicare Coverage and Reimbursement FAQs

## Medicare Reimbursement

Medicare reimbursement will vary from state to state. Medicare has assigned Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) that are responsible for administering Medicare services throughout the country. Below is a map of the MACs and the regions in which they administer the Medicare program.



**CGS Administrators, LLC:** Kentucky, Ohio

**First Coast Service Options, Inc.:** Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands

**National Government Services, Inc. (NGS):** Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Connecticut, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

**Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC:** California, Hawaii, Nevada, Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

**Novitas Solutions, Inc.:** Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania

**Palmetto GBA, LLC:** Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

**Wisconsin Physicians Service Government Health Administrators (WPS):** Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Indiana, Michigan

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/macs-state-jun-2021.pdf>. Accessed on 12/15/22

## Q. Does Medicare cover the use of VELYS™ Hip Navigation?

A. At this time, Medicare does not have a National Coverage Determination for the use of the VELYS™ Hip Navigation system during hip arthroplasty procedures and it is therefore up to local MACs to establish payment. Medicare allows coverage and payment for services considered **reasonable and medically necessary**. Coverage for the use of the VELYS Hip Navigation System is subject to standard medical necessity guidelines, which should be supported in patient medical records.

Medicare Advantage Plans will most likely require prior-authorization for the use of the VELYS Hip Navigation System. Please consult the commercial plan directly for additional information.

## Q. How does Medicare define “reasonable and necessary”?

A. The Medicare Administrative Contractor will determine if an item or service is “reasonable and necessary” under §1862(a) (1) (A) of the Act if the service is:

- Safe and effective;
- Not experimental or investigational; and
- Appropriate, including the duration and frequency in terms of whether the service or item is:
  - Furnished in accordance with accepted standards of medical practice for the diagnosis or treatment of the beneficiary’s condition or to improve the function of a malformed body member;
  - Furnished in a setting appropriate to the beneficiary’s medical needs and condition;
  - Ordered and furnished by qualified personnel; and
  - One that meets, but does not exceed, the beneficiary’s medical need.

**Note:** For any service reported to Medicare, it is expected that the medical documentation clearly demonstrates that the service meets all of the above criteria. All documentation must be maintained in the patient’s medical record and be available to the contractor upon request.<sup>1</sup>

## Have the MACs established payment for 0054T\*?

0054T = Computer-assisted musculoskeletal surgical navigational orthopedic procedure, with image-guidance based on fluoroscopic images  
(List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Medicare Administrative Contractor	0054T on the Local Fee Schedule	2023 Medicare Average Physician Payment Rate
CGS	No	N/A
First Coast Service Options	Yes	\$279.42
National Government Services	Yes	\$166.02
Noridian	No	N/A
Novitas	Yes	\$212.74
Palmetto GBA	Yes	\$151.20
Wisconsin Physician Services	Yes	\$147.78

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/lcd-state-index.aspx>

**Note:** The rates listed are based on an average of the locality rates within each Medicare Administrative Contractor. For specific rates, please review the MAC physician fee schedule for your specific area or reach out to the DePuy Synthes Reimbursement Support Services.

[https://www.ssa.gov/OP\\_Home/ssact/title18/1862.htm](https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1862.htm)

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