



REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION IN-SIGHT MULTI-BAND LIGATOR

Over the past several years, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has made reimbursement cuts to diagnostic colonoscopy and other gastrointestinal (GI) services. The impact from these reimbursement cuts has led gastroenterologists to explore other avenues [that]...provide supplemental income¹.

The In-Sight Multi-Band Ligator can be performed in an office or ambulatory setting, providing hemorrhoid relief in a quick and virtually pain-free procedure.

CPT CODE 46221 – Rubber band ligation of internal hemorrhoids

ESTABLISHING A STANDARD CHARGE

Your practice should identify a standard charge to use with CPT code 46221. It is important to ensure that the standard charge you establish is above your highest insurance reimbursement. Charges can be based on any methodology you choose (i.e. RVU's, a multiple of Medicare etc.).

PAYOR REIMBURSEMENT

Due to the confidential nature of insurance contracts and the variability in reimbursement from state to state, it's difficult to determine what your typical reimbursement will likely be. It is highly recommended you review your negotiated contracts and insurance plans to determine an expected reimbursement for this CPT code.

“The In-Sight Bander is easy to use, *offers a convenient and safe option for my patients* – all while providing a considerable revenue stream for my practice.”

Jan Kamler, MD Monterey Bay GI Consultants Medical Group -AGAF

TIP: Typically, CPT code 46221 is performed by rubber band ligation and is not reported with code 46600 for anoscopy since anoscopy is included in the banding procedure.²

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¹“Hemorrhoidal Banding and Anesthesia Partnerships as Ancillary Services to Gastroenterology Practices” US National Library of Medicine. August 2018.

² Hemorrhoids: Something for the Bottom Line. Gastroenterology & Endoscopy News. <https://www.gastroendonews.com/Article/PrintArticle?articleID=56977>. Glenn Littenberg, MD, is a coding advisor for the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and the chair of the society's reimbursement committee.