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IHCP updates guidelines to allow podiatrists to bill for removal of foreign bodies

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is updating coverage guidelines to allow podiatrists (provider type 14, specialty 140) to be reimbursed for the removal of foreign bodies in muscle or tendon for their clients, effective for dates of service (DOS) on or after Jan. 12, 2026.

These services are billed with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®¹) codes 20520 and 20525, as listed in Table 1. Prior authorization (PA) is not required.



Table 1 – Procedure codes allowable for podiatrists, effective for DOS on or after Jan. 12, 2026

Procedure code	Code description
20520	Removal of foreign body in muscle or tendon
20525	Complicated removal of foreign body in deep muscle or tendon

Procedure codes 20520 and 20525 will be added to the *Covered Procedure Codes for Podiatrists (Specialty 140)* table in *Podiatrist Services Codes*, accessible from the [Code Sets](#) webpage at in.gov/medicaid/providers. Pricing is through the resource-based relative value scale (RBRVS), as indicated on the Professional Fee Schedule, accessible from the [IHCP Fee Schedules](#) webpage at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

Coverage applies to all IHCP programs that include full Indiana Medicaid State Plan benefits, including Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Care Connect, Hoosier Healthwise, Indiana PathWays for Aging (PathWays) and Traditional Medicaid.

For more information

Billing and reimbursement information in this bulletin applies to services delivered under the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. Questions about FFS billing and reimbursement should be directed to Gainwell Technologies at 800-457-4584 or your [Provider Relations consultant](#).

Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish billing and reimbursement criteria within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care billing and reimbursement should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

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