

CODEWRITE

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Intravenous Infusion for Hydration

The objective of this article is to examine the coding of hydration with CPT® codes 96360, Intravenous infusion, hydration; initial, 31 minutes to 1 hour, and 96361, Intravenous infusion, hydration; each additional hour.

The purpose of hydration intravenous (IV) infusion is to hydrate. These codes were created to report instances when a patient requires rehydration with IV infusion of fluids. The health record should include documentation to support infusion services for dehydration or fluid loss, including relevant diagnosis, signs and symptoms, and abnormal lab values. Relevant signs and symptoms might include lack of fluid intake, excessive losses of fluid, dry skin, dizziness, and/or other signs and symptoms.

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Coding scenarios are often used in articles published in the monthly CodeWrite newsletter. The purpose of including such scenarios in these articles is to:

- Illustrate correct coding in ICD-10-CM, ICD-10-PCS, CPT, and HCPCS
- Apply coding principles and guidelines
- Apply concepts of pathophysiology, pharmacology, or medical terminology
- Practice analysis of information from the health record as the source document

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