Endoscopic Procedures for the Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)
In 2003, the FDA approved Enteryx®, which injects a polymer in the LES region to treat GERD. The device was voluntarily recalled by the manufacturer in 2005 due to safety concerns. Development of another device that uses an inert material to restrict the lower esophagus, the Gatekeeper™ Reflux Repair System, was suspended in 2005.

Prior Authorization
Prior authorization is not applicable. Claims for this service are subject to retrospective review and denial of coverage, as investigative services are not eligible for reimbursement.

Coding Considerations
Use the current applicable CPT/HCPCS code(s). The following codes are included below for informational purposes only, and are subject to change without notice. Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement.

CPT Codes:
- 43210 - Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with esophagogastric fundoplasty, partial or complete, includes duodenoscopy when performed
- 43257 - Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate; with delivery of thermal energy to the muscle of lower esophageal sphincter and/or gastric cardia, for treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease

HCPC Code:
- C9724: Endoscopic full-thickness plication in the gastric cardia using endoscopic plication system (EPS); includes endoscopy

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