Summary
This policy describes reimbursement for microsurgical techniques requiring the use of an operating microscope.

Policy Statement
The operating microscope is utilized when the surgical services are performed using the technique of microsurgery, which significantly enlarges and enhances the surgeon’s view.

CPT codes for microsurgical techniques are as follows:

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<td>64727</td>
<td>Internal neurolysis, requiring use of operating microscope (List separately in addition to code for neuroplasty)</td>
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<td>Microsurgical techniques, requiring use of operating microscope (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)</td>
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Microsurgical techniques requiring the use of the operating microscope may be paid separately only when submitted with CPT codes from the code lists below. Medica follows CMS guidelines for microsurgery reimbursement.

Code Lists
- **64727 Eligible Code List**
- **69990 Eligible Code List**

Resources
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)

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