Heartflow Announces New Reimbursement Code and Increased Payment for FFRCT

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Category I CPT code for Fractional Flow Reserve derived from Computed Tomography will provide broader access to Heartflow's AI-powered technology, a standard of care for evaluating and treating coronary artery disease.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. – January 23, 2024 — Heartflow, Inc., a leader in non-invasive integrated artificial intelligence (AI) heart care solutions, announced FFR_{CT} was transitioned to a Category I Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code beginning January 1, 2024.

The new code, designated by The American Medical Association (AMA), supports FFR_{CT} as the standard of care in assessing patients with suspected coronary artery disease (CAD). In the hospital setting, CMS increased payment for the FFR_{CT} service by ~7% for 2024. The new code can be used for hospital outpatient, physician offices, or imaging centers. As part of converting to a Category I code, relative value units (RVUs) have been assigned to FFR_{CT} , which provides payment to physicians for the service.

In response to increased utilization of the Heartflow FFR_{CT} Analysis service, strong evidence for its clinical value and inclusion in updated practice guidelines, the American College of Cardiology (ACC), American College of Radiology (ACR), and the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT) petitioned the AMA for the Category I CPT code, which will replace four existing Category III CPT codes. In addition, the AMA released guidance for appropriate use of the new FFR_{CT} code in the *CPT® Changes 2024: An Insider's Viewbook* which describes the covered service as allowing the physician to[1]:

- Examine and query the entire model and capture noninvasive estimated coronary FFR values anywhere within the coronary tree
- Evaluate multiple and sequential lesions
- Determine the location of the disease burden and the lesion with most hemodynamic significance allowing for a targeted interventional approach

Heartflow's FFR_{CT} Analysis meets the AMA Guidance for the Category 1 code to allow physicians to enable patient care compliantly.

"We appreciate the American Medical Association's decision to assign FFR_{CT} a Category I CPT code, a decision backed by years of research that highlights the positive impact FFR_{CT} can have on the diagnosis and eventually treatment of patients with coronary artery disease," said John Farquhar, CEO of Heartflow. "This recognition emphasizes the value and importance of FFR_{CT} Analysis to help clinicians accurately diagnose CAD in patients. Better reimbursement for hospitals leads to improved accessibility to this technology, which is a win for everyone involved, most notably patients."

Heartflow remains dedicated to reshaping cardiovascular care and ensuring that hospitals have access to comprehensive, accurate, and efficient solutions in precision coronary care. Heartflow's suite of non-invasive technologies helps clinicians identify stenoses in the coronary arteries (Roadmap™ Analysis), assess coronary blood flow (FFR_{CT} Analysis), and characterize and quantify coronary atherosclerosis (Plaque Analysis).

About Heartflow

Heartflow is transforming precision coronary care with the only AI-powered non-invasive integrated heart care solution across the CCTA pathway. As the pioneer of FFR_{CT}, which is now supported by the ACC/AHA Chest Pain Guidelines, Heartflow continues to advance the diagnosis and management of CAD. Heartflow's suite of non-invasive technologies includes its FFR_{CT} Analysis, Roadmap™ Analysis and Plaque Analysis. To date, more than 500 peer-reviewed publications have validated our approach and, more importantly, our technologies have helped clinicians diagnose and manage over 250,000 patients. For more information, visit www.Heartflow.com and connect on Twitter and LinkedIn.

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