

# TCS Survey of Coding Practices

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Review all contracts or instructions received from health plans and payers.

Identify any “special coding instructions” and in the space provided on the form record:

- the code that the plan requires to be used,
- a brief description of the services or procedures described by the code,
- whether a standard code exists that could be substituted for the special code, and
- the follow-up action that is needed (e.g., contacting the health plan to discuss alternative coding instructions).

After completing the review of contracts, review the list and identify common coding issues, i.e., local codes that are used by more than one health plan, and summarize the findings for use in negotiations with payers or in joint activities to develop alternatives to local codes by trade and professional associations

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**Local Coding Issue #** \_\_\_\_\_

Health plan: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Health Plan/Insurer

Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Code Required by Health Plan/Insurer

Used for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Service/Procedure

Standard Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Closest standard code (ICD-9-CM/CPT-4) or enter NA if a suitable standard code does not exist

Follow-up Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
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