

## HYOID MYOTOMY AND SUSPENSION

In this procedure, the hyoid bone is suspended with sutures and then fixated with screws to the inner side of the mandible, below the tooth roots. The aim of the suspension is to make it less likely for the base of the tongue to occlude the airway during sleep.

### ICD-9-CM DIAGNOSIS CODES

Primary diagnosis code for CPT codes 41512:	
327.23	Obstructive Sleep Apnea (Adult) (Pediatric)
Secondary diagnosis code for CPT codes 41512:	
529.8	Other specified conditions of the tongue
750.15	Macroglossia

## PHYSICIAN CODING AND REIMBURSEMENT

CPT	Description	CY2013 RVU	CY2013 Payment*
21685	Hyoid myotomy and suspension	29.80	\$1,014

\*Physician Payment in Facility Setting (e.g. Hospital)

## FACILITY CODING AND REIMBURSEMENT

### Hospital Inpatient

Hospitals assign ICD-9-CM procedure codes for inpatient services. The hyoid myotomy uses the general code for myotomy 83.02.

Code	Description
83.02	General code for myotomy

### Hyoid Myotomy and Suspension DRGs

When hyoid suspension is performed as a stand-alone procedure with any of the sleep apnea codes as the principal diagnosis, one of the following DRGs is assigned depending on whether secondary complications are coded:

DRG	Description	Weight	CY2013 Payment
133	Other Ear, Nose, Mouth and Throat Procedures with CC/MCC	1.7818	\$9,530
134	Other Ear, Nose, Mouth and Throat Procedures without CC/MCC	0.9177	\$4,908

## TONGUE BASE SUSPENSION

In this procedure, the base of the tongue is suspended with a suture that is passed through the tongue and then fixated with a screw to the inner side of the mandible, below the tooth roots. The aim of the suspension is to make it less likely for the base of the tongue to occlude the airway during sleep.

### ICD-9-CM DIAGNOSIS CODES

Primary diagnosis code for CPT codes 41512:	
327.23	Obstructive Sleep Apnea (Adult) (Pediatric)
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## PHYSICIAN CODING AND REIMBURSEMENT

CPT	Description	CY2013 RVU	CY2013 Payment*
41512	Tongue base suspension, permanent suture technique	19.14	\$651

\*Physician Payment in Facility Setting (e.g. Hospital)

## FACILITY CODING AND REIMBURSEMENT

### Hospital Inpatient

Hospitals assign ICD-9-CM procedure codes for inpatient services. Because ICD-9-CM does not have a specific procedure code for tongue base suspension, a general code for tongue repair 25.59 is used.

Code	Description
25.59	Other repair and plastic operations on tongue

### Tongue Base Suspension DRGs

When tongue base suspension is performed as a stand-alone procedure with any of the sleep apnea codes as the principal diagnosis, one of the following DRGs is assigned depending on whether secondary complications are coded:

DRG	Description	Weight	CY2013 Payment
137	Mouth Procedures W CC/MCC	1.3192	\$7,263
138	Mouth Procedures WO CC/MCC	0.7388	\$3,952