**High Resolution Anoscopy (HRA)**

**DESCRIPTION**

High resolution anoscopy (HRA) - also known as colposcopy of the anal canal - involves using both an anoscope and a high-resolution colposcope. During the procedure, an anoscope is inserted, followed by a standard gynecologic colposcope to magnify the area. Acetic acid is applied to the anal canal to aid in the identification of any suspicious areas. If a suspicious lesion is identified, a biopsy may be taken and sent for examination, or ablated (destroyed). HRA may be considered for those with abnormalities on anoscopy, abnormalities in digital rectal examination, history of HPV related anal disease or abnormalities in anorectal cytology.

**MEDICARE ADVANTAGE POLICY CRITERIA**

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The LCD for High Resolution Anoscopy (A53960) was retired March 1, 2017; however, Noridian states, “The Noridian guidance in the retired article may still be helpful in assessing medical necessity... Provider offices remain responsible for correct performance, coding, billing, and medical necessity under Medicare. This responsibility for correct claims submission is unchanged whether or not there is a coverage article in place.” Noridian does not have other active, applicable guidance for high resolution anoscopy (HRA). Therefore, in the absence of other Medicare guidance, continue to use LCA A53960 to determine medical necessity of HRA.

Instructions: Highlight “A53960,” and press Control + C to copy. Click on the LCA A53960 link above. Click “Search” in the list on the left-hand side, and enter (or paste) the LCA number into the “ID Search” field. The date of service can be left blank. Click the “Search Now” button.

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### POLICY GUIDELINES

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The information below must be submitted for review to determine whether policy criteria are met. If any of these items are not submitted, it could impact our review and decision outcome:

- Medical records must document the reason for the HRA procedure (e.g., abnormalities on anoscopy, abnormalities in digital rectal examination, history of HPV related anal disease or abnormalities in anorectal cytology, etc.).

### CROSS REFERENCES

None

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None

### CODING

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