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**TO: ALL MEMBERS, ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

**SUBJECT: EQUIVALENT RELATIVE VALUE SCALE (RVS) CODES FOR BONE MARROW HARVESTING AND TRANSPLANTATION**

This circular is issued to facilitate correct assignments of Relative Value Units (RVU) for services and procedures performed for bone marrow harvesting and transplantation:

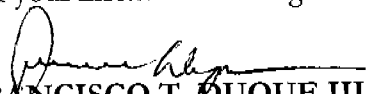
1. Bone marrow harvesting:

20220 Biopsy, bone, trocar, or needle; superficial (e.g. ilium, sternum, spinous process ribs) 45

2. Bone marrow/stem cell transplant (autologous, syngeneic, and allogeneic)

36488 Placement of central venous catheter (subclavian, jugular, or other vein) (e.g., for central venous pressure, hyperalimentation, hemodialysis, or chemotherapy); percutaneous or cutdown 10

For your information and guidance.

  
**FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III**  
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President and CEO

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