Coverage

Medicare carriers may issue local coverage determinations (LCDs) listing criteria that must be met prior to coverage. Physicians are urged to review these policies (http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/search.asp?) and contact their local carriers’ medical directors (http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts) or commercial insurers to determine if a procedure is covered.

Coding

The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code used to describe incision and drainage of a Bartholin gland cyst and placement of a Word catheter is as follows:

56420 - Incision and drainage of Bartholin's gland abscess*

*CPT code 56420 includes the placement and removal of the Word catheter.

Payment

2016 Medicare Reimbursement for Placement of the Word Catheter

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Multiple procedure reduction may apply

1. 2016 Medicare Ambulatory Surgery Center Fee Schedule
2. 2016 Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System Fee Schedule
3. 2016 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

2016 physician fees for your local area can be found at the following CMS links:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PFSlookup/02_PFSSearch.asp or
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PhysicianFeeSched/PFSNPAPF/list.asp