

New CPT® Category III Codes

Healthfirst aims to ensure that our reimbursement policy standards are compliant with state and national industry standards.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has released new **Category III codes**, effective **July 1, 2021** (see codes below). As of this date, Healthfirst requires prior authorization for these codes. Category III codes are “temporary codes for emerging technology, services, procedures, and service paradigm,” according to AMA’s CPT Professional 2021 code book.

CPT Code	Description
0656T	Vertebral body tethering, anterior, up to 7 vertebral segments
0657T	Vertebral body tethering, anterior, 8 or more vertebral segments

Should you have any questions, you may contact your network representative, or call Provider Services at **1-888-801-1660**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm.