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SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): This change adds percutaneous vertebroplasty and
balloon kyphoplasty for the treatment of painful osteolytic lesions and osteoporotic
compression fractures refractory to conservative medical treatment. This change also
adds radiologic supervision and interpretation, percutaneous vertebroplasty or
vertebral augmentation including cavity creation, per vertebral body; under
fluoroscopic guidance or under Computerized Tomography (CT) guidance.

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