Abscess Incision and Drainage

Exam:
Skin—Scattered papules of the anterior left lower thigh with two which appear to have fluctuance and induration with surrounding erythema. Both areas are warm to touch. The first is larger and superior to the other. There is good ROM and no knee effusion. Both lesions appear to be superficial.

Procedure:
INCISION AND DRAINAGE—Abscess #1 (larger superior)—The area to I&D was identified. Anesthesia was obtained with 1% lidocaine. The area was prepped and draped in the usual fashion. A #11 scalpel was used to create an incision, the abscess was deloculated with most of the loculated area appearing to be superior to the incision. The second abscess was identified and anesthetized with 1% lidocaine. A new #11 scalpel was then used to incise this abscess and no packing was placed. Dressings were applied to both wounds.

Diagnosis: Cutaneous abscess to Left lower thigh X2

What CPT® and ICD-10-CM codes are reported?

CPT® Code: 10061
ICD-10-CM Code: L02.416

Rationales:
CPT®: The provider incised and drained two abscess. Look in the CPT Index for Incision and Drainage/Abscess/Skin and you are directed to 10060, 10061. Because multiple abscesses were incised and drained, this is reported as complicated or multiple, 10061.

ICD-10-CM: The final diagnosis for this procedure is cutaneous abscesses of left thigh. Look in the ICD-10-CM Alphabetic Index for Abscess/skin and you are directed to see Abscess, by site. Look for Abscess/thigh and you are directed to see Abscess, lower limb. Look for Abscess/lower limb L02.41-. In the Tabular List, sixth character 6 is reported for the left lower limb. Although there are two abscesses, this code is only reported once based on ICD-10-CM guideline I.B.12.