

Split Billing Guidelines

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In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®); the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and other relevant sources. Other factors that may affect payment include medical record documentation, legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider's contract, a member's eligibility in receiving covered services, submission of clean claims, other health plan policies, and other relevant factors. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, and, when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.

Policy Overview

This policy addresses reimbursement of split billed outpatient and non-repetitive inpatient facility services as well as professional services.

Exceptions

Services subject to the 3-day payment window are an exception to this policy.

Reimbursement Guidelines

All separately payable, non-repetitive hospital outpatient services provided on the same date of service must be billed on the same claim. If an outpatient claim for services matches another claim with the same date, the claim is not reimbursable.

Split billing of an inpatient claim may be reimbursable when the admission and discharge dates cover two different calendar years. For example, if the patient is admitted on December 27 and discharged on January 3, a claim for each year may be submitted and separately reimbursable.

Definitions

N/A

Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
- II. International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).
- III. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- IV. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- V. The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).
- VI. <https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/guidance/manuals/downloads/clm104c04.pdf>
- VII. https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/guidance/manuals/downloads/clm104c03aug_inpatient_hospital_09-3-3.pdf.

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

RPC.0091.SCM1 Three-Day Payment Window

Policy History

11/2024	Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval
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