REIMBURSEMENT POLICY
CMS-1500

From-To Date Policy

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**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

You are responsible for submission of accurate claims. This reimbursement policy is intended to ensure that you are reimbursed based on the code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies uses Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®*), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or other coding guidelines. References to CPT or other sources are for definitional purposes only and do not imply any right to reimbursement.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on CMS 1500 forms and, when specified, to those billed on UB04 forms. Coding methodology, industry-standard reimbursement logic, regulatory requirements, benefits design and other factors are considered in developing reimbursement policy.

This information is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding UnitedHealthcare Community Plan’s reimbursement policy for the services described and is not intended to address every aspect of a reimbursement situation. Accordingly, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying this policy to health care services provided in a particular case. Further, the policy does not address all issues related to reimbursement for health care services provided to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan enrollees.

*Other factors affecting reimbursement supplement, modify or, in some cases, supersede this policy. These factors include, but are not limited to: federal &/or state regulatory requirements, the physician or other provider contracts, the enrollee’s benefit coverage documents, and/or other reimbursement, medical or drug policies.*

Finally, this policy may not be implemented exactly the same way on the different electronic claims processing systems used by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan due to programming or other constraints; however, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan strives to minimize these variations.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan may modify this reimbursement policy at any time by publishing a new version of the policy on this Website. However, the information presented in this policy is accurate and current as of the date of publication.

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Application

**This reimbursement policy applies to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicaid and Medicare products.**

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS-1500) or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. With the exception of Home Health Care, Home Infusion, Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics and Prosthetics suppliers, due to their monthly billing requirements unless the code description for the service or supply indicates it should be reported only once daily, this policy applies to all products, all network and non-network physicians and other qualified health care professionals, including, but not limited to, non-network authorized and percent of charge contract physicians and other qualified health care professionals.
This policy also does not apply to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes reported for time based anesthesia services, codes with a time span in their description, unlisted codes, global maternity codes, drugs, and ambulance mileage.

Payment Policies for Medicare & Retirement, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicare and Employer & Individual please use this link.
Medicare & Retirement and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicare Policies are listed under Medicare Advantage Reimbursement Policies.
Employer & Individual are listed under Reimbursement Policies-Commercial.

Policy

Overview

When Grouping services, the place of service, procedure code, charges, and individual provider for each line must be identical for that service line. Grouping is allowed only for identical services on consecutive days. In those instances where Grouping of services applies, the number of units submitted should be equally divisible by the number of days indicated in the ‘from’ and ‘to’ dates reported.

Reimbursement Guidelines

The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) develops and oversees the NUCC Data Set (NUCC-DS), which is a standardized data set for use in an electronic environment, but applicable to and consistent with evolving paper claim form standards. The NUCC 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form Reference Instruction Manual For Form Version 02/12 provides instruction for the completion of the 1500 Health Insurance Claim form. This manual includes the following instruction for entering the dates of service:

- "If there is only one date of service, enter that date under ‘From.’ Leave ‘To’ blank or re-enter ‘From’ date."
- "If grouping services, the place of service, procedure code, charges, and individual provider for each line must be identical for that service line. Grouping is allowed only for services on consecutive days. The number of days must correspond to the number of units in 24G."

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 26, also states: "When ‘from’ and ‘to’ dates are shown for a series of identical services, enter the number of days or units in column G." CMS returns a claim as unprocessable if a date of service extends more than 1 day and a valid "to" date is not present.

Consistent with NUCC and CMS, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will only consider reimbursement for claim lines with a ‘from’ and ‘to’ date span greater than one day, when the units entered correspond to or are equally divisible by the number of days indicated. Claim lines for which the 'from' and 'to' dates and units do not correspond, or are not equally divisible by the number of days indicated, will not be processed. The services will need to be resubmitted on separate claim form lines with the units matching the corresponding from and to dates.

An example of a claim form submission where the service dates cannot be determined and therefore the claim cannot be processed:

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UnitedHealthcare Community Plan recognizes there are exceptions to this policy based on the uniqueness of some CPT and HCPCS codes reported for services rendered. The following types of services are exempt from this policy:

- Certain CPT® and HCPCS codes, based on their description, are not intended to be reported on consecutive dates of service, but may be appropriate to report with a ‘from’ and ‘to’ date. For example, codes whose descriptions say per week, per month, per course of treatment would be considered exceptions to this policy. Refer to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's "Time Span Codes Policy" for additional information.
- Codes that represent drugs or contrast and radiopharmaceutical imaging materials.
- Global Maternity Codes. Refer to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's "Obstetrical Policy."
- Time based Anesthesia codes. Refer to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's "Anesthesia Policy."
- Unlisted codes.

For a complete list of codes exempt from this policy, please see the attachment below.

### State Exceptions

**Kansas**

Per State Regulations the following codes are exempt from this policy for all Kansas lines of business: S5165, T1016, T2023, S0315, S0317, S5101, S5102, S5110, S5130, S5135, S5150, S5151, S5160, S5190, S9482, S9485, T1000, T1001, T1002, T1004, T1005, T1012, T1017, T1019, T1027, T1505, T2016, T2020, T2024, T2025, T2029, T2038, T2040, H0045, H2023, H2016.

Per State Regulations the following codes are exempt from this policy for Kansas LTC line of business only: G0151, G0152, G0153, H0004, H2014, T1016.

Per State Regulations code T2021 is exempt from this policy for the Kansas DD line of business only.

**New Jersey**

Per State Regulations, T2025 is exempt from this policy for all New Jersey Medicaid lines of business

**New Mexico**

Per State Regulations 99509 is exempt from this policy.

**Ohio**

Per OH Regulations, the OH MMP plan excludes codes H0001, H0002 and H0006 from this policy. Link to state sourcing: [http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov/manuals](http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov/manuals)

**Texas**

Per State Regulations S5151 and T1026 are exempt from this policy
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Definitions

Grouping
Grouping refers to the reporting of services which share a procedure code, place of service, charge and individual provider. The services must have been provided on consecutive days and the number of days must correspond to the number of units reported in field 24G of the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form.

Questions and Answers

Q: What fields on the 1500 claim form are you referencing for the “Days or Units” and “From” and “To” date?

A: These claim form fields on the 1500 claim form are identified as follows:

- **Paper Claims with CMS Paper Format 02-12**: The “From” and “To” dates are entered in 24A DATE(S) OF SERVICE field. “Days or Units” are entered in field 24G DAYS OR UNITS field for each applicable service line. For additional information, refer to the National Uniform Correct Coding (NUCC) Website: http://www.nucc.org/.

- **Electronic Claims**: Reference the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) guidelines, electronic claims submitted via the 837 Professional transaction set or the NUCC website, which provides a 1500-837p crosswalk.

Attachments: Please right-click on the icon to open the file.

- **UnitedHealthcare Community Plan From-To Policy Exceptions List**: A list of codes for services exempt from this policy.

- **UnitedHealthcare Community Plan From-To Policy Exception List for Long Term Care Lines of Business (LOBs)**: A list of codes for services exempt from this policy for Long Term Care lines of business.

Resources

- Individual state Medicaid regulations, manuals & fee schedules


- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System,
## History

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