



Claim Reprocessing for Rebundling Code 96160

CPT codes 96160-96161 became new codes on Jan. 1, 2017. At the time, sourcing indicated the codes could be reported but reimbursement was included in the Evaluation and Management (E/M) service rendered by the physician or other qualified health care professional. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) had published National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits, and additional interpretive rebundling edits were developed in the UnitedHealthcare Rebundling Policy based on this information. CMS reversed the NCCI edits retroactively and instead created add-on code relationships to allow separate reimbursement for codes 96160-96161 when billed with many E/M codes.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan aligned with these changes and removed this series of edits from the Rebundling Policy on May 20, 2017. We're working to overturn applicable rebundling denials for code 96160 for claims processed between Feb. 11, 2017 and May 20, 2017. Code 96160 may still be subject to other reimbursement policy edits, coverage and/or benefit determinations.

Note Regarding Reimbursement Policies

As with all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan policies, other factors affecting reimbursement may supplement, modify or in some cases supersede this policy. These factors include but are not limited to federal and/or state regulatory requirements, physician or other provider contracts, and/or the member's benefit coverage documents.

Unless otherwise noted as follows, these reimbursement policies apply to services reported using the CMS-1500 or its electronic equivalent, or its successor form.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies do not address all issues related to reimbursement for services rendered to our members, such as the member's benefit plan documents; our medical policies; and the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Physician, Health Care Professional, Facility and Ancillary Provider Administrative Guide. Meeting the terms of a particular reimbursement policy is not a guarantee of payment. Likewise, retirement of a reimbursement policy affects only those system edits associated with the specific policy being retired. Retirement of a reimbursement policy is not a guarantee of payment. Other applicable reimbursement and medical policies and claims edits will continue to apply.

Once implemented, the policies may be viewed at UHCCommunityPlan.com > For Health Care Professionals (click on the appropriate state) > Reimbursement Policies.

In the event of an inconsistency or conflict between the information in this Provider Notification and the posted policy, the provisions of the posted reimbursement policy prevail. If you have any questions, please contact your Health Plan Representative or call the number on your Provider Remittance Advice/Explanation of Benefits.