

B Bundle Codes Policy, Professional

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 Product

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. This policy applies to all products and 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.

Policy

Overview

This document articulates UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's policy regarding reimbursement to physicians or other health care professionals for codes which are assigned a status code "B" according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) Relative Value File.

Reimbursement Guidelines

All codes published on the NPFS Relative Value File are assigned a status code. The status code indicates whether the code is separately payable if the service is covered. Per the public use file that accompanies the NPFS Relative Value File, the following is stated for status code "B":

"Payment for covered services are always bundled into payment for other services not specified. If RVUs are shown, they are not used for Medicare payment. If these services are covered, payment for them is subsumed by the payment for the services to which they are incident. (An example is a telephone call from a hospital nurse regarding care of a patient)."

Consistent with CMS, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will not separately reimburse for specific Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes assigned a status code “B” on the NPFS Relative Value File indicating a bundled procedure. B Bundle Codes are not reimbursable services regardless of whether they are billed alone or in conjunction with other services. The codes which UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has included in this policy (for which separate reimbursement is not made) can be found in the attachment section.




State Exceptions

Arizona	Arizona Medicaid allows codes found on the Arizona B Bundle Code List to be reimbursed if no other payable services are billed
Iowa	Code 97010 is exempt from this policy
Kansas	Kansas Medicaid uses a state specific list of codes which are identified in the Kansas B Bundle Code List included in this policy
Massachusetts	Codes 99366 and 99368 are exempt from this policy
Nebraska	Code 90887 is exempt from this policy
New Jersey	Code 90887 is exempt from this policy
Pennsylvania	Code 99080 is exempt from this policy
Tennessee	Code 99071 is exempt from this policy
Texas	Code 99367 is exempt from this policy
Washington	Codes 99366 and 99368 are exempt from this policy for Behavioral Health (BH) providers
Wisconsin	Code A4550 is exempt from this policy

Questions and Answers

Q: Will UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimburse a B Bundle Code if a modifier is appended?
A: No, B Bundle codes are not reimbursable with or without a modifier.

Attachments

 UnitedHealthcare Community Plan B Bundle Codes List	Contains a listing of codes assigned a status code “B” and included in UnitedHealthcare Community Plan’s B Bundle Codes Policy
 UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Arizona B Bundle Codes List	Contains a listing of codes assigned a status code “B” for Arizona
 UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Kansas B Bundle Codes List	Contains a listing of codes assigned a status code “B” for Kansas

Resources

Individual state Medicaid regulations, manuals & fee schedules
 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Relative Value Files

History

2/23/2020	Policy Version Change Attachment Section: Updated Arizona B Bundle Codes and Kansas B Bundle Codes Lists
8/18/2019	State Exceptions Section: Removed exception for Michigan
8/2/2019	Annual Anniversary Date and Version Change
3/29/2019	Policy Version Change Policy Verbiage Change: Added Q&A #1
2/24/2019	Attachments Section: Updated B Bundle, Arizona B Bundle and the Kansas B Bundle Codes Lists
2/10/2019	Title Section Changed. Removed RPOC reference State Exceptions Section: Added the exception for Massachusetts
1/1/2019	Policy Version Change History Section: Entries prior to 1/1/2017 archived
11/14/2018	Annual Policy Approval Date and Version Change Removed reference to Employer and Individual and Medicare and Retirement in the Application section.
9/25/2018	State Exceptions Section: Added the exception for New Jersey
3/25/2018	State Exceptions Section: Updated the exception for Texas to include all LOB's
2/11/2018	Attachments Section: Updated B Bundle Codes List
1/1/2018	Annual Policy Version Change History Section: Entries prior to 1/1/2016 archived
11/8/2017	Policy Approval Date Change (no new version)
8/31/2017	State Exceptions Section: A9606 removed from the Kansas B Bundle Codes List
7/31/2017	State Exceptions Section: Updated the exception for Washington
7/16/2017	Application Section: Removed UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicare products as applying to this policy. Added location for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicare reimbursement policies State Exceptions Section: Removed exception for Louisiana regarding codes 99367 and 99368 and removed language regarding Medicare and Arizona Medicare Products. Attachment Section: Removed the Medicare B Bundle Codes List
7/2/2017	State Exceptions Section: Added exception for Tennessee
6/25/2017	Attachment Section: Medicare B Bundle Codes List updated
6/18/2017	Attachment Section: Kansas B Bundle Code List attached
5/21/2017	State Exceptions Section: Added exception for Iowa and Washington Attachment Section: Updated B Bundle Codes List
4/19/2017	Attachment Section: Medicare B Bundle Codes List updated and the B Bundle Codes List was updated to remove deleted codes
3/26/2017	State Exceptions Section: Nebraska exception added.

1/1/2017	Annual Policy Version Change State Exception Section" Removed Delaware exception History Section: Entries prior to 1/1/2015 archived
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