

Procedure code S8301

Texas Medicaid PPE reimbursement

Effective April 1, 2020

In a [July 10, 2020, “Procedure Code Addition and Update for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)” article](#) and an [Aug. 10, 2020, clarification](#), the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) announced that:

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, procedure code S8301 for infection control supplies above and beyond normal protocol will become a benefit for Texas Medicaid.

Procedure code S8301 may be reported for any encounter in which personal protective equipment (PPE) above and beyond normal protocol is required to safely treat a patient with or without a diagnosis of COVID-19.

Procedure code S8301 is reimbursed, in accordance with 1 TAC §355.8023.

[The July 10 article shows how the procedure code is reimbursed based on Place of Service and Provider Type.](#)

What’s “above and beyond normal protocol?”

According to TMHP, commonly used supplies for a service or procedure are not considered “above and beyond normal protocol.” If gloves alone are enough under normal circumstances, that’s considered “normal protocol.” Any PPE used, in addition to the gloves in this example, would be considered “above and beyond normal protocol.”

Claims

You may continue to bill as you normally do, but with these claims, you must submit copies of the appropriate receipts or invoices. Standard claims filing deadlines apply. Prior authorization is not required, but claims are subject to retrospective review.

When submitting your claims through Link, you may submit receipts or invoices as attachments once the claim status says “Pending.” To learn more about checking claim status and adding attachments, go to [UHCprovider.com/claims](#) > Check Claim Status: Quick Reference, Tutorials and More > [Self-Paced User Guide](#).

Previously submitted claims

If you’ve already submitted claims using procedure code S8301, with dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, your claims will be automatically reprocessed. Please don’t resubmit these claims.

Reimbursement

The reimbursement rate for this code is 35 percent of billed charges.

We’re here to help

If you have questions, please call your provider advocate or call UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Texas customer service at **888-887-9003**, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Central Time, Monday – Friday.