

Non-Patient Facility Laboratory Services Policy

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Application

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the UB-04 claim form or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all products and all network and non-network facilities, including, but not limited to, non-network authorized and percent of charge contract facilities.

Policy

Overview

This policy describes how UnitedHealthcare reimburses non-patient laboratory services when submitted with Type of Bill (TOB) 014X for providers that are not reimbursed according to a fee schedule.

Reimbursement Guidelines

CMS guidance requires laboratory tests for non-patient laboratory specimens to be billed on a 014X claim, including those tests performed by Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs). CMS pays for TOB 014X claims according to the clinical laboratory fee schedule, at the lesser of the actual charge, the fee schedule amount, or the National Limitation Amount (NLA), including CAHs and MD Waiver hospitals.

UnitedHealthcare will deny claims for Non-Patient Laboratory Specimen tests submitted on a TOB 014X by facilities that are not paid for those services according to a fee schedule.

Definitions

Non-Patient Laboratory Specimen

A specimen that is submitted for analysis to a hospital and the patient is neither an inpatient nor an outpatient of the hospital and is not physically present at the hospital.

Questions and Answers

1	<p>Q: If TOB 014X is not reimbursable, can I submit the lab charges for a Non-Patient Laboratory Specimen under TOB 013X?</p> <p>A: No, providers may only submit TOB 013X for outpatient hospital services, not non-patient laboratory services.</p>
2	<p>Q: Is it appropriate to use TOB 012X to bill laboratory services done as an outpatient?</p> <p>A: No, laboratory services are not ancillary services and should not be billed under TOB 012X.</p>

Resources

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

American Medical Association, Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®), and associated publications and services

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, HCPCS Release and Code Sets

History

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