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Reimbursement Policy Update **Bulletin**

UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Reimbursement Policy Updates

Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Policy
Reminder		
Reminder – Anesthesia Services		<ul style="list-style-type: none">In alignment with the CMS National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage does not allow separate reimbursement for anesthetic agents (Lidocaine, Marcaine, Bupivacaine, etc.) in an office-based (POS 11) setting. Per the NCCI manual, these services are integral and not separately reimbursable from the main procedure.
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
UPDATED		
Evaluation and Management (E/M) Policy, Professional	01/01/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Effective with dates of service 01/01/2021, our reimbursement policy will be revised to align with the Evaluation and Management (E/M) CPT coding and guideline changes from the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
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Updated		
Professional/Technical Component Policy, Professional	1/1/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To better align with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), UnitedHealthcare is enhancing the Professional and Technical Component Policy for Medicare Advantage plans to deny Professional/Technical (PC/TC) status indicator 3 codes in an Ambulatory Surgical Center (place of service 24).Effective for claims with dates of Process on or after January 1, 2021; UnitedHealthcare will not reimburse CPT PC/TC indicator 3 codes when billed in an Ambulatory Surgical Center (place of service 24).This announcement pertains to Medicare Advantage Plan reimbursement policies for services reported using the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (CMS-1500) or its electronic equivalent or its successor form.

Published reimbursement policies are intended to ensure reimbursement based on the code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided. UnitedHealthcare reimbursement policies may use 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.

Note: The absence of a policy does not automatically indicate or imply coverage. As always, coverage for a health service must be determined in accordance with the member's benefit plan and any applicable federal or state regulatory requirements.



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