**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 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.

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. *CPT Copyright American Medical Association. All rights reserved. CPT® is a registered trademark of the American Medical Association.*

**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

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<td>Codes 99366 and 99368 are exempt from this policy for Behavioral Health (BH) providers</td>
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### 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

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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

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.
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