

Once in a Lifetime Procedures 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 products.

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

The Once in a Lifetime Procedures Policy identifies procedures that because of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code description and/or human anatomy can be performed by a physician(s) or other qualified health care professional(s) only once in a patient's lifetime.

Reimbursement Guidelines

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will reimburse certain procedures only once during a patient's lifetime. Once in a Lifetime Procedures are not limited to a single CPT code, but may be represented by Code Families, which are a group of CPT codes that describe the same or similar type of service. Under this policy, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides reimbursement for only one procedure from a designated Code Family during a patient's lifetime.

For example, there are four separate appendectomy CPT codes that can be used, based upon the particular circumstance, to report the removal of the appendix. The four codes, listed below, make up the Code Family that describes the removal of an appendix.

Appendectomy Code Family

- 44950
- 44955
- 44960

- 44970

When any single or multiple physician or other qualified health care professional reports a code from the Once in a Lifetime Procedures list, that code or any code from the same Code Family will be reimbursed only once during a patient's lifetime. In the appendectomy example, a single code from the Appendectomy Code Family will be reimbursed only once during a patient's lifetime, because each person has only one appendix and can have only one appendectomy during his or her lifetime.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Once in a Lifetime Procedures

Code	Family Group	Code	Family Group	Code	Family Group
30160	RHINECTOMY	49250	UMBILECTOMY	58152	HYSTERECTOMY
31360	LARYNGECTOMY	51570	CYSTEATOMY	58180	HYSTERECTOMY
31365	LARYNGECTOMY	51575	CYSTEATOMY	58200	HYSTERECTOMY
32440	PNEUMONECTOMY	51580	CYSTEATOMY	58210	HYSTERECTOMY
32442	PNEUMONECTOMY	51585	CYSTEATOMY	58240	HYSTERECTOMY
32445	PNEUMONECTOMY	51590	CYSTEATOMY	58260	HYSTERECTOMY
38100	SPLENECTOMY	51595	CYSTEATOMY	58262	HYSTERECTOMY
38102	SPLENECTOMY	51596	CYSTEATOMY	58263	HYSTERECTOMY
			PELVIC		
41140	GLOSSECTOMY	51597	EXENTERATION	58267	HYSTERECTOMY
41145	GLOSSECTOMY	51925	HYSTERECTOMY	58270	HYSTERECTOMY
42140	UVULECTOMY	52649	ENUCLEATION	58275	HYSTERECTOMY
43620	GASTRECTOMY	53210	URETHRECTOMY	58280	HYSTERECTOMY
43621	GASTRECTOMY	53215	URETHRECTOMY	58285	HYSTERECTOMY
43622	GASTRECTOMY	54125	AMPUTATION	58290	HYSTERECTOMY
44150	COLECTOMY	54130	AMPUTATION	58291	HYSTERECTOMY
44151	COLECTOMY	54135	AMPUTATION	58292	HYSTERECTOMY
44155	COLECTOMY	54150	CIRCUMCISION	58294	HYSTERECTOMY
44156	COLECTOMY	54160	CIRCUMCISION	58541	HYSTERECTOMY
44157	COLECTOMY	54161	CIRCUMCISION	58542	HYSTERECTOMY
44158	COLECTOMY	54861	EPIDIDYMECTOMY	58543	HYSTERECTOMY
			SUBTOTAL		
44210	COLECTOMY	55801	PROSTATECTOMY	58544	HYSTERECTOMY
44211	COLECTOMY	55810	PROSTATECTOMY	58548	HYSTERECTOMY
44212	COLECTOMY	55812	PROSTATECTOMY	58550	HYSTERECTOMY
44950	APPENDECTOMY	55815	PROSTATECTOMY	58552	HYSTERECTOMY
44955	APPENDECTOMY	55821	PROSTATECTOMY	58553	HYSTERECTOMY
44960	APPENDECTOMY	55831	PROSTATECTOMY	58554	HYSTERECTOMY
44970	APPENDECTOMY	55840	PROSTATECTOMY	58570	HYSTERECTOMY
45110	PROCTECTOMY	55842	PROSTATECTOMY	58571	HYSTERECTOMY
45112	PROCTECTOMY	55845	PROSTATECTOMY	58572	HYSTERECTOMY
45119	PROCTECTOMY	55866	PROSTATECTOMY	58573	HYSTERECTOMY
45120	PROCTECTOMY	56625	VULVECTOMY	58575	HYSTERECTOMY
45121	PROCTECTOMY	56633	VULVECTOMY	58950	HYSTERECTOMY
45126	PROCTECTOMY	56634	VULVECTOMY	58951	HYSTERECTOMY
45395	PROCTECTOMY	56637	VULVECTOMY	58952	HYSTERECTOMY

45397	PROCTECTOMY	57110	VAGINECTOMY	58953	HYSTERECTOMY
47562	LAPAROSCOPY	57111	VAGINECTOMY	58954	HYSTERECTOMY
47563	LAPAROSCOPY	57530	TRACHELECTOMY	58956	HYSTERECTOMY
47564	LAPAROSCOPY	57531	TRACHELECTOMY	59135	HYSTERECTOMY
47600	LAPAROSCOPY	57540	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	60240	THYROIDECTOMY
47605	LAPAROSCOPY	57545	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	60252	THYROIDECTOMY
47610	LAPAROSCOPY	57550	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	60254	THYROIDECTOMY
47612	LAPAROSCOPY	57555	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	60270	THYROIDECTOMY
47620	LAPAROSCOPY	57556	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	60271	THYROIDECTOMY
48155	PANCREATECTOMY	58150	HYSTERECTOMY		

Modifiers

There may be situations that require the code(s) for a Once in a Lifetime Procedure to be submitted more than once during a patient's lifetime. In such cases, more than one Once in a Lifetime Procedure, whether the same code or a different code from the same Code Family, will be considered separately for reimbursement if reported with one of the following modifiers:

- Modifier 53
- Modifier 55
- Modifier 56
- Modifier 58

For additional information related to the percentage of the allowable fee to be paid when one of these modifiers is appended to a claim for a subsequent procedure, please refer to the Discontinued Procedure, Split Surgical Package and/or Global Days policies.

State Exceptions:

Arizona

Arizona uses a customized, state identified Once in a Lifetime list.

00908	01962	01969	15920	15922	27080	30160	31360
31365	31390	31395	31400	31580	31611	32440	32442
32445	33404	33411	33412	33415	33427	33460	33606
33608	33610	33611	33612	33615	33617	33619	33641
33645	33647	33660	33665	33670	33692	33694	33697
33702	33710	33720	33722	33724	33726	33730	33732
33735	33736	33737	33770	33771	33774	33775	33776
33777	33778	33779	33780	33781	33782	33783	33786
33788	33800	33813	33814	33820	33822	33824	33840
33845	33851	33852	33930	33935	33940	37140	37145
37160	37180	37181	38100	38102	38120	38780	39503
39545	41115	41140	41145	41150	41153	41155	41510
41520	42140	42145	42200	42205	42225	42226	42227
42235	42507	42509	42510	42820	42821	42825	42826
42830	42831	42835	42836	42870	42890	42950	42955

State Exceptions:

43107	43108	43112	43113	43116	43117	43118	43121
43124	43286	43287	43288	43327	43328	43330	43331
43340	43341	43351	43352	43620	43621	43622	43635
43640	43641	43810	43832	43842	43843	43846	43847
43848	43850	43855	43860	43865	44145	44146	44147
44150	44151	44155	44156	44157	44158	44160	44210
44211	44212	44316	44800	44950	44955	44960	44970
45110	45112	45113	45119	45120	45121	45126	45130
45135	45136	45395	45397	45550	46070	46730	46735
46740	47125	47130	47133	47140	47141	47142	47562
47563	47564	47600	47605	47610	47612	47620	47700
47701	48140	48145	48146	48148	48150	48152	48154
48155	48160	48540	48550	49250	49605	49606	49610
49611	49904	49905	50220	51520	51565	51570	51575
51580	51585	51590	51595	51596	51597	51845	51925
51940	51960	51980	52601	52630	52649	53000	53010
53020	53025	53210	53215	53220	53400	53405	53410
53415	53420	53425	53430	53431	53450	53460	54000
54001	54111	54112	54125	54130	54135	54150	54160
54161	54304	54308	54312	54316	54318	54322	54324
54326	54328	54332	54336	54380	54385	54390	54400
54401	54405	54680	54860	54861	54901	55801	55810
55812	55815	55821	55831	55840	55842	55845	55866
55873	56625	56633	56634	56637	56640	56700	56805
57110	57111	57130	57220	57230	57291	57292	57311
57335	57530	57531	57540	57545	57550	57555	57556
58150	58152	58200	58210	58240	58260	58262	58263
58267	58270	58275	58280	58285	58290	58291	58292
58294	58400	58410	58540	58541	58542	58543	58544
58548	58550	58552	58553	58554	58570	58571	58572
58573	58575	58611	58950	58951	58952	58953	58954
58956	59135	59525	60240	60252	60254	60270	60271
60512	61537	61538	61539	61540	61541	61543	61546
61552	61557	61558	61559	63250	63251	63252	81105
81106	81107	81108	81109	81110	81111	81112	81120
81121	81161	81175	81176	81200	81201	81202	81203
81205	81209	81210	81212	81215	81216	81217	81220
81221	81222	81223	81224	81225	81226	81227	81228
81229	81230	81231	81232	81235	81238	81240	81241
81242	81243	81244	81245	81247	81248	81249	81250
81251	81252	81253	81254	81255	81256	81257	81258
81259	81260	81261	81262	81263	81264	81265	81266
81267	81268	81269	81270	81275	81283	81290	81291
81292	81293	81294	81295	81296	81297	81298	81299
81300	81301	81302	81303	81304	81310	81315	81316
81317	81318	81319	81321	81322	81323	81324	81325
81326	81328	81330	81331	81332	81334	81335	81340

State Exceptions:

81341	81342	81346	81350	81355	81361	81362	81363
81364	81448	88280	90649	90650	90736	90750	G0402
S3800							

California California uses a customized, state identified Once in a Lifetime list.

Code	Family Group	Code	Family Group	Code	Family Group
15920	COCCYGECTOMY	55842	PROSTATECTOMY	81203	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
15922	COCCYGECTOMY	55845	PROSTATECTOMY	81204	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
27080	COCCYGECTOMY	55866	PROSTATECTOMY	81210	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
30160	RHINECTOMY	56625	VULVECTOMY	81212	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
31360	LARYNGECTOMY	56633	VULVECTOMY	81215	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
31365	LARYNGECTOMY	56634	VULVECTOMY	81216	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
31390	PHARYNGOLARYNGE CTOMY	56637	VULVECTOMY	81217	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
31395	PHARYNGOLARYNGE CTOMY	56640	VULVECTOMY	81218	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
31420	EPIGLOTTIDECTOMY	57110	VAGINECTOMY	81219	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
31560	ARYTENOIDECTOMY	57120	COLPOCLEISIS	81220	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
31561	ARYTENOIDECTOMY	57130	VAGINAL SEPTUM	81233	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
32440	PNEUMONECTOMY	57530	TRACHELECTOMY	81234	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
38100	SPLENECTOMY	57540	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	81235	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
38102	SPLENECTOMY	57545	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	81236	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
38571	LYMPHADENECTOMY	57550	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	81237	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
38572	LYMPHADENECTOMY	57555	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	81239	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
38780	LYMPHADENECTOMY	57556	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	81243	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
41010	FRENOTOMY	58150	HYSTERECTOMY	81244	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
41140	GLOSSECTOMY	58152	HYSTERECTOMY	81250	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
41145	GLOSSECTOMY	58180	HYSTERECTOMY	81256	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
41150	GLOSSECTOMY	58200	HYSTERECTOMY	81260	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
41153	GLOSSECTOMY	58210	HYSTERECTOMY	81265	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
41155	GLOSSECTOMY	58240	HYSTERECTOMY	81266	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
42140	UVULECTOMY	58260	HYSTERECTOMY	81270	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
42820	TONSILLECTOMY AND ADENOIDECTOMY	58262	HYSTERECTOMY	81271	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
42821	TONSILLECTOMY AND ADENOIDECTOMY	58263	HYSTERECTOMY	81273	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY

42825	TONSILLECTOMY AND ADENOIDECTOMY	58267	HYSTERECTOMY	81274	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
42826	TONSILLECTOMY AND ADENOIDECTOMY	58270	HYSTERECTOMY	81275	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
42830	TONSILLECTOMY AND ADENOIDECTOMY	58275	HYSTERECTOMY	81276	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
42831	TONSILLECTOMY AND ADENOIDECTOMY	58280	HYSTERECTOMY	81284	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
42835	TONSILLECTOMY AND ADENOIDECTOMY	58285	HYSTERECTOMY	81285	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
42836	TONSILLECTOMY AND ADENOIDECTOMY	58290	HYSTERECTOMY	81286	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
43107	ESOPHAGECTOMY	58291	HYSTERECTOMY	81287	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
43108	ESOPHAGECTOMY	58292	HYSTERECTOMY	81289	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
43112	ESOPHAGECTOMY	58294	HYSTERECTOMY	81292	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
43113	ESOPHAGECTOMY	58541	HYSTERECTOMY	81293	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
43620	GASTRECTOMY	58542	HYSTERECTOMY	81294	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
43621	GASTRECTOMY	58543	HYSTERECTOMY	81295	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
43622	GASTRECTOMY	58544	HYSTERECTOMY	81296	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44150	COLECTOMY	58548	HYSTERECTOMY	81297	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44151	COLECTOMY	58550	HYSTERECTOMY	81298	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44155	COLECTOMY	58552	HYSTERECTOMY	81299	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44156	COLECTOMY	58553	HYSTERECTOMY	81300	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44157	COLECTOMY	58554	HYSTERECTOMY	81301	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44158	COLECTOMY	58570	HYSTERECTOMY	81305	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44800	DIVERTICULECTOMY	58571	HYSTERECTOMY	81306	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44950	APPENDECTOMY	58572	HYSTERECTOMY	81311	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44955	APPENDECTOMY	58573	HYSTERECTOMY	81312	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
44960	APPENDECTOMY	58575	HYSTERECTOMY	81314	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
45110	PROCTECTOMY	58950	HYSTERECTOMY	81317	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
45112	PROCTECTOMY	58951	HYSTERECTOMY	81318	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
45120	PROCTECTOMY	58952	HYSTERECTOMY	81319	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
45121	PROCTECTOMY	58954	HYSTERECTOMY	81320	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
45126	PROCTECTOMY	58956	HYSTERECTOMY	81321	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
45395	PROCTECTOMY	59135	HYSTERECTOMY	81322	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
45397	PROCTECTOMY	59525	HYSTERECTOMY	81323	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
47125	HEPATECTOMY	60240	THYROIDECTOMY	81329	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
47130	HEPATECTOMY	60270	THYROIDECTOMY	81331	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
47600	CHOLECYSTECTOMY	60271	THYROIDECTOMY	81336	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
47605	CHOLECYSTECTOMY	62292	CHEMONUCLEOLYSIS	81337	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY

47610	CHOLECYSTECTOMY	81120	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81343	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
47612	CHOLECYSTECTOMY	81121	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81344	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
47620	CHOLECYSTECTOMY	81161	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81345	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
48155	PANCREATECTOMY	81162	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81400	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
48160	PANCREATECTOMY	81170	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81401	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51500	URACHAL	81171	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81402	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51570	CYSTECTOMY	81172	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81403	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51575	CYSTECTOMY	81173	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81404	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51580	CYSTECTOMY	81174	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81405	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51585	CYSTECTOMY	81175	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81406	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51590	CYSTECTOMY	81176	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81407	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51595	CYSTECTOMY	81177	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81408	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51596	CYSTECTOMY	81178	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81413	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51597	PELVIC EXENTERATION	81179	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81414	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
51925	HYSTERECTOMY	81180	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81435	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
52601	PROSTATE RESECTION	81181	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81436	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
53210	URETHRECTOMY	81182	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81439	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
53215	URETHRECTOMY	81183	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81448	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
54125	PENILE AMPUTATION	81184	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81518	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
54130	PENILE AMPUTATION	81185	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81519	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
54135	PENILE AMPUTATION	81186	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81520	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
54161	CIRCUMCISION	81187	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	81521	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY
54164	FRENULOTOMY	81188	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	87902	HEPATITIS
55810	PROSTATECTOMY	81189	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	90736	VACCINE

55812	PROSTATECTOMY	81190	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	90989	DIALYSIS
55815	PROSTATECTOMY	81201	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY	53620	METABOLIC SCREENING NEWBORN
55840	PROSTATECTOMY	81202	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY		

North Carolina

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30160	RHINECTOMY	45397	PROCTECTOMY	58150	HYSTERECTOMY
31360	LARYNGECTOMY	47562	LAPAROSCOPY	58152	HYSTERECTOMY
31365	LARYNGECTOMY	47563	LAPAROSCOPY	58180	HYSTERECTOMY
32440	PNEUMONECTOMY	47564	LAPAROSCOPY	58200	HYSTERECTOMY
32442	PNEUMONECTOMY	47600	LAPAROSCOPY	58210	HYSTERECTOMY
32445	PNEUMONECTOMY	47605	LAPAROSCOPY	58240	HYSTERECTOMY
38100	SPLENECTOMY	47610	LAPAROSCOPY	58260	HYSTERECTOMY
38102	SPLENECTOMY	47612	LAPAROSCOPY	58262	HYSTERECTOMY
41010	FRENOTOMY	47620	LAPAROSCOPY	58263	HYSTERECTOMY
41115	FRENOTOMY	48155	PANCREATECTOMY	58267	HYSTERECTOMY
41140	GLOSSECTOMY	49250	UMBILECTOMY	58270	HYSTERECTOMY
41145	GLOSSECTOMY	51570	CYSECTOMY	58275	HYSTERECTOMY
41520	FRENOPLASTY	51575	CYSECTOMY	58280	HYSTERECTOMY
42140	UVULECTOMY	51580	CYSECTOMY	58285	HYSTERECTOMY
43620	GASTRECTOMY	51585	CYSECTOMY	58290	HYSTERECTOMY
43621	GASTRECTOMY	51590	CYSECTOMY	58291	HYSTERECTOMY
43622	GASTRECTOMY	51595	CYSECTOMY	58292	HYSTERECTOMY
43644	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	51596	CYSECTOMY	58294	HYSTERECTOMY
43645	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	51597	PELVIC EXENTERATION	58541	HYSTERECTOMY
43659	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	51925	HYSTERECTOMY	58542	HYSTERECTOMY
43770	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	52649	ENUCLEATION	58543	HYSTERECTOMY
43771	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	53210	URETHRECTOMY	58544	HYSTERECTOMY
43772	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	53215	URETHRECTOMY	58548	HYSTERECTOMY
43773	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	54125	AMPUTATION	58550	HYSTERECTOMY
43774	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	54130	AMPUTATION	58552	HYSTERECTOMY
43775	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	54135	AMPUTATION	58553	HYSTERECTOMY
43845	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	54150	CIRCUMCISION	58554	HYSTERECTOMY
43846	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	54160	CIRCUMCISION	58570	HYSTERECTOMY
43847	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	54161	CIRCUMCISION	58571	HYSTERECTOMY
43848	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	54861	EPIDIDYMECTOMY	58572	HYSTERECTOMY
43886	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	55801	SUBTOTAL PROSTATECTOMY	58573	HYSTERECTOMY
43887	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	55810	PROSTATECTOMY	58575	HYSTERECTOMY
43888	GASTRIC PROCEDURES	55812	PROSTATECTOMY	58950	HYSTERECTOMY
44150	COLECTOMY	55815	PROSTATECTOMY	58951	HYSTERECTOMY
44151	COLECTOMY	55821	PROSTATECTOMY	58952	HYSTERECTOMY

44155	COLECTOMY	55831	PROSTATECTOMY	58953	HYSTERECTOMY
44156	COLECTOMY	55840	PROSTATECTOMY	58954	HYSTERECTOMY
44157	COLECTOMY	55842	PROSTATECTOMY	58956	HYSTERECTOMY
44158	COLECTOMY	55845	PROSTATECTOMY	59135	HYSTERECTOMY
44210	COLECTOMY	55866	PROSTATECTOMY	60240	THYROIDECTOMY
44211	COLECTOMY	56625	VULVECTOMY	60252	THYROIDECTOMY
44212	COLECTOMY	56633	VULVECTOMY	60254	THYROIDECTOMY
44950	APPENDECTOMY	56634	VULVECTOMY	60270	THYROIDECTOMY
44955	APPENDECTOMY	56637	VULVECTOMY	60271	THYROIDECTOMY
44960	APPENDECTOMY	57110	VAGINECTOMY	81220	GENETIC TESTING
44970	APPENDECTOMY	57111	VAGINECTOMY	81221	GENETIC TESTING
45110	PROCTECTOMY	57530	TRACHELECTOMY	81240	GENETIC TESTING
45112	PROCTECTOMY	57531	TRACHELECTOMY	81241	GENETIC TESTING
45119	PROCTECTOMY	57540	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	81243	GENETIC TESTING
45120	PROCTECTOMY	57545	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	81244	GENETIC TESTING
45121	PROCTECTOMY	57550	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	81256	GENETIC TESTING
45126	PROCTECTOMY	57555	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	81331	GENETIC TESTING
45395	PROCTECTOMY	57556	CERVICAL STUMP EXCISION	D7963	FRENOPLASTY

Definitions

Once in a Lifetime Procedure	A procedure that can be performed by a physician(s) or other qualified health care professional(s) only once in a patient's lifetime.
Code Family	A group of CPT codes that describe the same or similar type of service.

Questions and Answers

1	<p>Q: Would there ever be an instance where a CPT code for a Once in a Lifetime Procedure may be reported more than once?</p> <p>A: Yes, there are instances where a CPT code for a Once in a Lifetime Procedure may be reported more than once. Modifiers may be used to indicate a procedure or service has been altered in some way, but not changed in its actual code description. For example, by definition, modifier 53 (Discontinued Procedure) is to be used when a procedure is terminated for unforeseeable circumstances. Per coding guidelines, the procedure code would be initially reported with modifier 53 appended to the CPT code to indicate the discontinued procedure and then at a later time, the CPT code would be submitted again when (if) the procedure took place in its entirety.</p>
2	<p>Q: How is a Once in a Lifetime Procedure reimbursed when reported by two different physicians on different dates of service?</p> <p>A: When any physician or other qualified health care professional reports a code from the Once in a Lifetime Procedure policy list on multiple dates of service excluding the same date of service, the code will be reimbursed only once. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan follows a "first in, first out" claim payment methodology in determining which claim will be considered for reimbursement when duplicate claims are received.</p>
3	<p>Q: What if two different physicians each report the same procedure on the same date of service for the same patient from the Once in a Lifetime Procedures list?</p>

A: The Once in a Lifetime Procedure codes are subject to duplicate billing logic when reported by the same or different providers.

Resources

Individual state Medicaid regulations, manuals & fee schedules

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

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC)

Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal

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