

Team Surgery

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In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including but not limited to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®), the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM). Other factors that may affect payment include but are not limited to medical record documentation, legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider's contract, a member's eligibility in receiving covered services, submission of clean claims, and other policies. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.

This reimbursement policy applies to all healthcare services billed on CMS-1500 forms or its electronic equivalent and, when specified, billed on UB-04 forms or its electronic equivalent.

Policy Overview

This policy outlines the AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio reimbursement guidelines for Team Surgery. Select complex surgical procedures require collaboration by three or more physicians with diverse areas of expertise, functioning as a surgical team. The AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio claim reimbursement logic aligns with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Professional Fee Schedule (PFS) for Team Surgery.

Exceptions

N/A

Reimbursement Guidelines

Select complex surgical procedures require collaboration by three (3) or more physicians, each with a different specialty, functioning as a surgical team. For appropriate reimbursement, Team Surgery is reported by individual providers with modifier 66 appended to the same procedure code.

Consistent with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Professional Fee Schedule (PFS), all codes in the CMS PFS with Team Surgery status code indicators "1" or "2" are considered by AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio to be eligible for reimbursement. Appropriate reimbursement for Team Surgery requires each team surgeon to report the same CPT® code(s) with Modifier 66 appended to procedures performed under the Team Surgery concept.

Definitions

Team Surgery – Modifier 66

Under some circumstances, highly complex procedures (requiring the concomitant services of several physicians or other qualified health care professionals, often of different specialties, plus other highly skilled, specially trained personnel, various types of complex equipment) are carried out under the "surgical team" concept. Such circumstances may be identified by each participating individual with the addition of modifier 66 to the basic procedure number used for reporting services. (CPT® Appendix A)

Edit Sources

- I. *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®), Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD), and associated publications and services.*
- II. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Professional Fee Schedule (PFS)
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/physician-fee-schedule/search/overview>.
- III. Corresponding AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio Clinical Policies.

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

N/A

Policy History

03/14/2023	Policy Implemented by AmeriHealth Caritas
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