

Overlapping Services While Inpatient

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AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio reimbursement policies and their resulting edits are based on guidelines from established industry sources, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the American Medical Association (AMA), state and federal regulatory agencies, and medical specialty professional societies. Reimbursement policies are intended as a general reference and do not constitute a contract or other guarantee of payment. AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying its policies to services provided in a particular case and may modify its policies at any time.

In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT); the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and other relevant sources. Other factors that may affect payment include 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 health plan policies, and other relevant factors. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.

To the extent that any procedure and/or diagnosis codes are specified in this policy, such inclusion is provided for reference purposes only, may not be all inclusive, and is not intended to serve as billing instructions. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

Policy Overview

This policy outlines the circumstances that may prompt AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio to deny reimbursement of claims for services, supplies, or equipment reported with a date of service that falls within (i.e., overlaps) the date span of an inpatient stay.

Exceptions

The following are excluded from this policy:

- Outpatient services, supplies, and equipment reported on the dates of admission and discharge for an inpatient stay.

- Items and services described as not paid through the facility per diem pursuant to Ohio Administrative Rule 5160-3-19.

Reimbursement Guidelines

AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio will reimburse professional, and facility claims according to the provider's contract and applicable section(s) of the AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio provider manual. AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio's policy follows the guidance provided by the Ohio Administrative code rules 5160-2-02 which states that outpatient services provided within three calendar days prior to the date of admission in hospitals will be covered as inpatient services.

All services reported to AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio must be supported in the medical record. AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio may request medical records from billing providers when claim data suggests a possible overlap in services.

Claims identified as potentially overlapping services will be reviewed and medical records may be requested for the following services:

- Professional or outpatient facility services performed on date(s) of services that overlap an inpatient facility stay.
- Home health service claims rendered in the member's home with date(s) of service that overlap an inpatient facility stay. Home health services are not reimbursed while a patient is in an inpatient facility.
- DME equipment and/or supplies reported with date(s) of service that overlap an inpatient facility stay.

Definitions

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

DME is equipment that can withstand repeated use (at least 3 years) and is used in the home for medical reasons when someone is sick or injured.

Home Health Care

Medical care delivered in the patient's home, if the patient is homebound while recovering from an illness, surgery or injury or has a chronic medical condition.

Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
- II. International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10).
- III. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- IV. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
- V. The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) in Medicaid.
- VI. Corresponding AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio Clinical Policies.
- VII. Ohio Medicaid Fee Schedule(s).
- VIII. Ohio Laws and Administrative Rules. <https://codes.ohio.gov/>
- IX. <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-5160-2-02>

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

RPC.0074.7700 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)

Policy History

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01/2023	Template Revised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised preamble • Removal of Applicable Claim Types table • Coding section renamed to Reimbursement Guidelines • Added Associated Policies section