

Payment Policy | Hospital Based Clinics



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OVERVIEW

This policy documents claim filing and reimbursement guidelines for services including payment to the physician, when rendered on a hospital based clinic.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable.

POLICY STATEMENT

Hospital-Based Clinics are reimbursed a global fee which includes all professional services, drugs, administration of drugs, as well as all supplies are part of the clinic global rate. Claims should file using the clinic revenue code and the appropriate CPT code for services that are rendered.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island will not separately pay a physician for a hospital-based clinic visit as the reimbursement will be paid only to the facility as part of the clinic global rate.

Laboratory or radiology services obtained during the clinic visit are not included in the clinic global rate and are reimbursed according to the applicable benefit.

COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups and contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage or Subscriber Agreement for applicable clinic benefits/coverage.

BACKGROUND

As defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a hospital-based clinic provides “outpatient service” that includes preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or palliative services. This definition does not include clinics exclusively designed for and providing laboratory, X-ray, testing, therapy, pharmacy or educational services.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) utilizes revenue codes in combination with CPT codes in the hospital-based clinic setting. Mainly the CPT code is used for reimbursement and the revenue code is primarily used to determine the appropriate benefit for that specific clinic.

CODING

Hospital-based clinics should file for reimbursement using “Clinic” revenue 051X with the appropriate fourth digit for the type of clinic and CPT code for the services rendered.

RELATED POLICIES

Prolong Physician Services

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Provider Update, March 2017

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REFERENCES

None

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