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## OVERVIEW

The purpose of this policy is to define payment criteria for services and supplies that are ineligible for separate reimbursement when reported by a professional provider. These services and/or supplies may be reported with a primary service or as a stand-alone service.

This policy provides a description and the code pair relationship for procedures that are not eligible for separate reimbursement when performed with another specific service or supply. Modifiers will not override the denial when reported with a specified service or supply.

## MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable

## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

N/A

## POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to Physician and Non-physician Practitioner Services when billed on CMS-1500 Professional Claims.

## COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups and contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage or Subscriber Agreement for applicable not covered benefits/coverage.

## BACKGROUND

Claims are reviewed to determine eligibility for payment. Blue Cross Blue Shield Rhode Island (BCBSRI) uses several reference guidelines in developing its claims adjudication logic for services and procedures, including, but not limited to the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) manual, the CMS Correct Coding Initiative (CCI), and Medicare (CMS) guidelines. These reference guidelines were developed for varying populations and benefit structures and are not uniformly consistent with each other.

## CODING

The link below provides the code pair relationship for procedures that are not eligible for separate reimbursement when performed with another specific service or supply listed. The codes listed in column 1 will be denied when billed on the same claim as the column 2 code. Modifiers will not override this denial.

[Bundled Service Code Grid](#)

## RELATED POLICIES

Non-Reimbursable/Use Alternate Code Policy

## PUBLISHED

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## REFERENCES:

1. [2025 National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File July Release](#)

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