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OVERVIEW

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.

Currently 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 copayment for that specific clinic.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable.

POLICY STATEMENT

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.

Global Hospital-Based Clinic:

E&M services for the facility and professional components, drugs, and the administration of drugs, as well as all supplies are part of the clinic global rate. All other services (e.g., laboratory tests or radiology services) are separately reimbursed.

The clinic should file using the revenue code and the appropriate CPT code for reimbursement. Please refer to the Clinic and E&M Visits: Same Date/Same Diagnosis policy.

COVERAGE

Contracts may vary between hospitals. Please refer to the appropriate contract for details regarding clinic-based reimbursement provisions.

Copayments, deductible and/or coinsurance may be applied depending on the member's hospital-based clinic benefit.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

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.

CPT Codes:

99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99381, 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99391, 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397

RELATED POLICIES

Clinic and E&M Visits: Same Date/Same Diagnosis

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REFERENCES

None.

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