

Medical Coverage Policies

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Remote Critical Care

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Description:

Remote critical care is the direct delivery by a physician(s) of medical care for a critically ill or critically injured patient from an off-site location via a telehealth technology. Remote critical care is intended to supplement on-site critical care services at times when a critically ill or injured patient requires additional critical care resources than are available on-site.

Medical Criteria:

Not applicable.

Policy:

All uses of remote critical care by participating providers (physician and nonphysician) are considered not separately reimbursed for all lines of business.

Coverage:

Not applicable

Codes:

0188T (Not separately reimbursed)
0189T (Not separately reimbursed)

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