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## OVERVIEW

It is recognized that some medical services or procedures performed by physicians and facilities do not have a code assigned to them. Therefore, a number of unlisted procedure codes have been designated for reporting these unlisted procedures. Unlisted CPT codes specify "unlisted procedure," while HCPCS codes use the terms "miscellaneous," "not otherwise specified," "not otherwise classified," and "unclassified" in addition to "unlisted."

## MEDICAL CRITERIA

### BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial Products

Not applicable.

## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not Applicable

## POLICY STATEMENT

### BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial Products

The CPT and HCPCS manuals provide unlisted procedure codes for healthcare providers to report services for which there is no specific code descriptor available. All Unlisted claims will pend for review. To ensure correct claim review, all unlisted claims must be submitted with the completed Unlisted Claim form, that gives an adequate description of the unlisted procedure being submitted for reimbursement along with the supporting documentation. Claims submitted without the completed Unlisted Procedure form will deny for documentation.



Unlisted\_Procedure\_  
Claim\_Form\_for\_Phys

### Forms:



DME Unlisted  
Codes.pdf

## COVERAGE

Not Applicable

## BACKGROUND

### Unlisted Surgical and Non-surgical Procedures:

Unlisted procedure codes should not be used unless there is not an established code which adequately describes the procedure. An "Unlisted Procedure Claim" form, (as attached below), must be completed and the required supporting documentation provided. Pertinent information should include a clear definition, description or name of the procedure performed and why it is not appropriate to use a more specific code. When multiple procedures are performed, the services that are being reported with the unlisted procedure must be clearly differentiated from those that are reported separately. It is not appropriate to use an unlisted procedure code due to a procedure being unusually complex or a reduced service. The appropriate modifiers should be used in such circumstances. In general, if there is a HCPCS code available to describe the service,

an unlisted CPT code should not be used preferentially. There are some exceptions when it has been determined that the HCPCS code is not sufficiently precise to establish an allowance. In such cases the claim will adjudicate with a notation of not separately reimbursed (NSR). The time, effort, and equipment necessary to provide the service must be described for reimbursement allowances to be established. Additional items which may be included are: coding advice from a specialty society, the AMA, or other authority, and the extent of expected follow-up care. Unlisted surgical procedures require a copy of the operative note; unlisted radiologic and laboratory procedures require a copy of the report.

#### **Unlisted drug codes**

Claims for unlisted and non-specific drug codes require submission of the 11- digit National Drug Code (NDC) in the correct format. The Unlisted Drug Code List identifies all codes that require the submission of an NDC. If the NDC is not submitted, the claim will not be processed and will be returned for correction.

#### **Unlisted durable medical equipment codes**

Claims for unlisted and non-specific durable medical equipment items require submission of the invoice for the item and the appropriate unlisted HCPCS code.

#### **CODING**

Not Applicable

#### **RELATED POLICIES**

Durable Medical Equipment

Preauthorization via Web Based Tool for Durable Medical Equipment

#### **PUBLISHED**

Provider Update, July 2016

Provider Update, December 2015

Policy Update, April 2003

#### **REFERENCES:**

None

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