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Reimbursement Policy Statement Louisiana Medicaid

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Aetna Better Health of Louisiana implements comprehensive and robust policies to ensure alignment with Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and to warrant that regulatory standards are met.

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana reimbursement policies are intended to provide a general reference for claims filing, coding and documentation guidelines. Coding methodology, regulatory requirements, industry-standard claims logic, benefits design and other factors not listed in this policy statement are considered in the development of reimbursement policies.

In addition to this Policy, reimbursement of rendered services are subject to member benefits, eligibility on the date of service, medical necessity, other plan policies and procedures, claim editing logic, provider contracts and all applicable authorization, notification and utilization management guidelines set forth by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

This policy does not ensure either an authorization or reimbursement of services. Please refer to the plan contract for the service(s) referenced therein. If there is a conflict between either this policy or the plan contract, then the plan contract will be the controlling document used to make an authorization or payment determination.

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A. Policy

Per Aetna's policy, in accordance with the Louisiana Department of Health's policy, hospitals must bill all outpatient surgery charges for the specified surgeries using revenue code 490. Additionally, only one unit should be billed inclusively. This policy applies to outpatient hospital facility billing.

B. Overview

The main source of these unit settings is based on one or more of the following criteria: Louisiana state Medicaid published values, procedure code definition or nomenclature, anatomical site, clinical guidelines, data analysis for codes with each in their definition.

C. Definitions

Outpatient facility: Outpatient hospital services are defined as diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered under the direction of a physician or dentist to an outpatient in an enrolled, licensed and certified hospital.

Units: refers to the number of times a service with the same CPT or HCPCS codes provided per day, does not exceed the allowed amount for the physician to be properly reimbursed for the coded procedure.

D. Reimbursement Guidelines

1. Medical record documentation should support that the correct code is reported; the correct units of service (UOS) is utilized; the number of reported UOS were performed; and all UOS were medically reasonable and necessary.
2. Hospitals must bill all outpatient surgery charges for the specified surgeries using revenue code "490" – Ambulatory Surgery Care.

E. Codes/Condition of Coverage

Outpatient Hospital Ambulatory Surgery Fee Schedule:

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm

F. Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What about other charges associated with Ambulatory surgery?

A: All other charges associated with the surgery (for example, observation, labs, radiology) must be billed on the same claim form as the Ambulatory surgery charges. The only revenue code that will be paid will be the flat rate fee for the Ambulatory Surgery.

G. Review/Revision Date



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H. Resources

Louisiana Department of Health State Contract, regulations, Provider Manual, fee schedules and notices

<http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Providermanuals/manuals/PS/PS.pdf>

Individual state Medicaid regulations, manuals & fee schedules

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm

American Medical Association, *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) Professional Edition* and associated publications and services

<https://www.ama-assn.org/>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services

<https://www.cms.gov/>