

Payment Policy: Supplies Billed On Same Day As Surgery

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Coding Implications

Revision Log

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Policy Overview

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) state that the global surgical package includes supplies needed as part of the surgical procedure. Supplies are considered a component of the global surgical package and except in certain circumstances, are not separately reportable.

According to the CMS program manual publication 100-04, publication 20.4.4, separate payment for supplies related to a surgery is only allowed under two conditions 1) HCPCS code A4300 when billed in conjunction with the appropriate procedure code, and 2) the supply is a pharmaceutical or radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent, stressing agent, or therapeutic radionuclide.

The purpose of this policy is to define payment criteria for supplies billed on the same date as a surgical procedure to be used by the health plan in making payment decisions.

Application

This policy applies to:

- Professional claims
- Same member
- Same provider
- Same date of service as a surgical procedure.

Reimbursement

Louisiana Healthcare Connection denies claim lines billed with supplies on the same day as a surgical procedure when the surgical procedure has been assigned a global period by CMS.

This rule will review within the same claim and will also review claims in history.

Coding and Modifier Information

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Definitions

1. *Global Surgical Package* – defines the pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative services included in a procedure code. There are three types of global surgical packages based on the number of post-operative days 1) zero-day postoperative period, 2) 10-day post-operative period, and 3) 90-day postoperative period.
2. *HCPCS* – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System - standardized code sets used to facilitate accurate claims payment. HCPCS is divided into two subsystems: Level I HCPCS codes (current procedural terminology or CPT codes) identify medical services provided by physicians and other health care professionals and Level II codes represent products, supplies and services which are not included in the CPT codes.

References

1. *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®)*, 2025
2. *HCPCS Level II*, 2025
3. *International Classification of Diseases*, (ICD-10-CM), 2025
4. *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Claims Processing Manual Chapter 12*
<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

Revision History	Revision Date	Approval Date	Effective Date
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