

Evaluation & Management Services Billed with Treatment Room Revenue Codes

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AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana reimbursement policies and their resulting edits are based on guidelines from established industry sources, such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the American Medical Association (AMA), state and federal regulatory agencies, and medical specialty professional societies. Reimbursement policies are intended as a general reference and do not constitute a contract or other guarantee of payment. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying its policies to services provided in a particular case and may modify its policies at any time.

In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT); the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and other relevant sources. Other factors that may affect payment include medical record documentation, legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider's contract, a member's eligibility in receiving covered services, submission of clean claims, and other health plan policies, and other relevant factors. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.

To the extent that any procedure and/or diagnosis codes are specified in this policy, such inclusion is provided for reference purposes only, may not be all inclusive, and is not intended to serve as billing instructions. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

Policy Overview

Treatment Room and Specialty Room services consist of outpatient services, furnished on hospital premises, which require the use of a bed and periodic monitoring, for a brief amount of time in order to carry out minor procedures and allow the patient to recover. The use of the treatment room is an expected part of the minor procedures, unlike major procedures that would require use of an operating room.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana does not reimburse for facility Evaluation and Management (E/M) charges billed in conjunction with treatment room services revenue codes as these E/M services do not represent the specific treatment or procedure performed.

Exceptions

N/A

Reimbursement Guidelines

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will not reimburse for Revenue Codes 760, 761, or 769 when billed in conjunction with an evaluation and management service (E/M).

Definitions

Revenue Code

Revenue codes are 4-digit numbers that are used on hospital bills to tell the payer, either where the patient was when they received treatment, or what type of service a patient might have received as a patient.

Evaluation and Management (E/M)

Evaluation and management (E/M) codes represent services by a physician (or other health care professional) in which the provider is either evaluating or managing a patient's health. Procedures such as diagnostic tests, radiology, surgery and other particular therapies are not considered evaluation and management services.

Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)
- II. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)
- III. International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD), and associated publications and services.
- IV. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- V. https://www.ama-assn.org/The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

N/A

Policy History

| 08/2025 | Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval |
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| 06/2025 | Minor updates to formatting and syntax |
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| Revised preamble |
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| Removal of Applicable Claim Types table |
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