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**Summary**

This policy addresses reimbursement of services and supplies related to ambulance transportation services provided by an ambulance transportation provider, and the requirement of ambulance modifiers, billed on the CMS-1500 claim form or its electronic equivalent.

**Policy Statement**

In alignment with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Medica considers certain services and supplies not eligible for separate reimbursement and included in the payment for the transportation service. These services may include, but are not limited to, oxygen, drugs, extra attendants, supplies, and EKG services. Medica will deny services on the Ambulance Bundled Code List when billed by the same ambulance provider for the same patient on the same date of service as a code on the Ambulance Transportation Code List. This applies to network providers only.

Also in alignment with CMS, Medica will reimburse codes on the Ambulance Transportation Code List only when reported with a two-digit ambulance modifier on the Ambulance Modifiers Code List. Each ambulance modifier is comprised of a single-digit alpha character identifying the origin of the transport in the first position, and a single-digit alpha character identifying the destination of the transport in the second position. Ambulance transportation services reported without a valid two-digit ambulance modifier will be denied. This applies to both network and non-network providers.

**Definitions**

Same Ambulance Provider – Ambulance provider of the same specialty reporting the same federal tax identification number.

**Code Lists**

- Ambulance Transportation Code List
- Ambulance Bundled Code List
- Ambulance Modifiers Code List
**Resources**
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)
- National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS)

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