**Summary**

The purpose of this policy is to address the appropriate reporting of unlisted Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes. The policy also identifies specific unlisted codes that require the submission of additional information needed to complete a review.

**Policy Statement**

The CPT and HCPCS manuals provide unlisted procedure codes for healthcare providers to report services for which there is no specific code descriptor available.

Unlisted codes may be reported only for procedures or services without a more specific code. When billing an unlisted code always include a description of the service on the CMS-1500 claim form.

**Surgical unlisted codes**

Claims for unlisted surgical codes require submission of documentation such as an operative note. The Unlisted Surgical Code List identifies all codes that require the submission of documentation.

**Non-surgical unlisted codes**

Claims for unlisted non-surgical codes require a description in the appropriate field on the claim form. The Unlisted Non-Surgical Code List identifies all codes that require the description with the code on the claim form and a copy of the report for the diagnostic study or office notes.

Since unlisted procedure codes are used to describe many different procedures, relative value units or fee amounts are not established for the codes.

**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 and location on the claim form. 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.

The reimbursement for unlisted drug codes is 80% of the average wholesale price (AWP).
Code Lists

Unlisted Surgical Code List
Unlisted Non-Surgical Code List
Unlisted Drug Code List

Resources

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)

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