



Itemized Bill Review

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AmeriHealth Caritas Florida 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 Florida 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.

Policy Overview

Inpatient facility services are reimbursed under a prospective payment system, where the payment amount for a particular service is based on the classification system of that service. In addition to the basic prospective payment, an outlier payment is made for cases that incur costs above the facility-specific threshold.

In accordance with state and federal requirements for government health plans, AmeriHealth Caritas Florida administers itemized bill reviews to ensure the accuracy of payments made on inpatient facility claims with cost outliers. AmeriHealth Caritas Florida applies the CMS criteria and guidelines, which are the industry-accepted standard, as well as all state-specific requirements for itemized bill review and inpatient facility reimbursement.

Exceptions

N/A

Reimbursement Guidelines

For inpatient facility claims submitted with cost outliers:

- 1) AmeriHealth Caritas Florida will deny any claim that is submitted without an itemized bill. After the claim is denied, the provider is allowed up to 35 days to submit the itemized bill for review. If the itemized bill is not received within 35 days, the claim will remain denied.
- 2) AmeriHealth Caritas Florida will reconcile charges between the itemized bill and the claim. The claim will be adjusted without an outlier payment for charges that reflect discrepancies between the claim and the itemized bill. These discrepancies include, but are not limited to:
 - Duplicate charging for the same service/supply and unbundling the charge of a service/supply—particularly a routine service/supply—from another service/supply that is already being charged.
 - Providers are also reminded that each hospital operating within the United States is required to establish a list of standard charges for its services/supplies, including those for diagnosis-related groups (DRGs).
- 3) AmeriHealth Caritas Florida will communicate the determination of the itemized bill review to the provider within 30 days of receiving the itemized bill. The communication will include instructions if the provider wishes to dispute or appeal.

Definitions

N/A

Edit Sources

- I. False Claims Act (31 USC §§ 3729-3733).
- II. Medicare and Medicaid Program Integrity (42 USC § 455, 42 USC § 420).
- III. Affordable Care Act Standard Hospital Charges (42 USC § 300gg-18(e)).
- IV. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outlier Payments:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/outlier>
- V. National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) Official UB-04 Data Specifications,
- VI. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT).
- VII. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- VIII. International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision (ICD-10), and associated publications and services.

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

N/A

Policy History

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| 04/2024 | Revised preamble |
| 09/2023 | Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval |
| 08/2023 | Removal of policy implemented by AmeriHealth Caritas Florida from Policy History section |

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