

## MP.056.MPC Management of Unlisted/Non-Specific HCPCS/CPT Codes

Maryland Physicians Care considers **Management of Unlisted/Non-Specific HCPCS/CPT Codes** as outlined below:

1. All claims submitted with unlisted codes will be held for further review.
2. When using an unlisted CPT code, the following must be included, legible, and clearly highlighted:
  - A narrative description or Operative Note describing the service represented by this code(s) and how the charges were derived
  - Adequate definition or description of the nature, extent and need for the procedure or service
  - Laboratory, radiology or other diagnostic procedure reports that identify the test or procedure associated with the unlisted code.
3. For unlisted J codes, the provider may submit either the National Drug Code (NDC) and/or the medical record documentation to support the billing of an unlisted J code.

### Limitations

1. Unlisted codes with no remarks or attachments as described above will be returned to the provider.
2. Remarks or attachments submitted do not clearly identify the test or procedure related to the code, the claim will be returned to the provider.
3. Unlisted procedure code indicates a separate procedure was performed (separate reporting), independent of other procedures or services on the claim. **NOTE:** Unbundling of any procedure or service by use of an unlisted HCPCS code is not appropriate and may be considered fraudulent.
4. Unlisted/non-specific codes used for procedures deemed to be experimental and investigational will be denied.
5. Unlisted/Non-specific codes used for the following outpatient services are **not covered**:
  - Lab tests, EKG's and X-rays performed "stat".
  - Use of portable equipment.
  - Oxygen therapy billed with one day surgery, clinic or emergency services.
  - Routine handling charges to refer a specimen from one laboratory to another.
  - Tests performed as part of a research grant or study.

### Codes

*All unlisted, non-specific or miscellaneous codes are subject to clinical review.*

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