

EVH MP 2512.MPC Management of Unlisted/Non-Specific HCPCS/CPT Codes

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

- All claims submitted with unlisted codes will be held for further review.
- 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.
- 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

- Unlisted codes with no remarks or attachments as described above will be returned to the provider
- Remarks or attachments submitted do not clearly identify the test or procedure related to the code, the claim will be returned to the provider
- 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

- Unlisted/non-specific codes used for procedures deemed to be experimental and investigational will be denied
- 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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