

Reimbursement Policy

Physician/Provider Behavioral Health Code Pair Edits

Reimbursement Policy – Claims Editing

Optum is implementing claim processing edits that may impact claim payment. This notice provides information about Physician/Provider Behavioral Health Code Pair Edits. Reimbursement policies establish processes to ensure accurate and appropriate claim processing in accordance with industry standards. These processes serve to identify potentially inappropriate billing and/or utilization of services. Requests for medical records may be made for administrative review (not based or used for Medical Necessity). Record requests outline what is to be submitted; please provide requested records within defined time-frames. Optum provides education and support as a component of our process.

As new processes are developed further Alerts will be made in an effort to keep providers informed.

Physician/Provider Behavioral Health Code Pair Edits, CPT Codes 96150 - 96155

Per the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Manual these codes report assessment of psychological, behavioral, emotional, cognitive, and relevant social factors that can prevent, treat, or manage physical health problems.

Program of Network and Integrity (PNI) certified coding staff have completed a review of the coding conventions identified in the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Manual and current coding practices in order to identify CPT code pairs that would be improperly paid when submitted on the same date of service as CPT Codes 96150 – 96155. Claims submissions not in compliance with this rule (e.g., use of non-allowed CPT code pairs billed on the same day for the same member by the same individual provider) will be denied.

This edit will be updated on an annual basis with the issuance of a new AMA CPT Manual. The changes will have an effective date of January 1st of each year.

Resources

- American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Manual.