



**Medicare Incident to Bill Reimbursement Policy**

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**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

*You are responsible for submission of accurate claims. This reimbursement policy is intended to ensure that you are reimbursed based on the procedure code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided to individuals whose behavioral health benefits are administered by Optum, including but not limited to UnitedHealthcare members. This reimbursement policy is also applicable to behavioral health benefit plans administered by OptumHealth Behavioral Solutions of California.*

*Our behavioral health reimbursement policies may use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®\*), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or other procedure coding guidelines. References to CPT or other sources are for definitional purposes only and do not imply any right to reimbursement. This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on CMS 1500 forms and, when specified, to services billed on the UB-04 claim form and to electronic claim submissions (i.e., 837p and 837i) and for claims submitted online through provider portals. Coding methodology, industry-standard reimbursement logic, regulatory requirements, benefits design and other factors are considered in developing reimbursement policy.*

*This information is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding our reimbursement policy for the services described and is not intended to address every aspect of a reimbursement situation. Accordingly, Optum may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying this policy to behavioral health care services provided in a particular case. Further, the policy does not address all issues related to reimbursement for behavioral health care services provided to members. Other factors affecting reimbursement may supplement, modify or, in some cases, supersede this policy. These factors may include, but are not limited to: member's benefit coverage, provider contracts and/or legislative mandates. Finally, this policy may not be implemented exactly the same way on the different electronic claim processing systems used by Optum due to programming or other constraints; however, Optum strives to minimize these variations.*

*Optum may modify this reimbursement policy at any time by publishing a new version of the policy on this website. However, the information presented in this policy is accurate and current as of the date of publication.*

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**Applicability**

This reimbursement policy applies to Medicare ISNP:

This reimbursement policy applies to Medicare ISNP services billed on CMS 1500 forms and, when specified, to services billed on the UB-04 claim form and to electronic claim submissions (i.e., 837p and 837i) and for claims submitted online through provider portals. This policy applies to all Medicare ISNP products, all network and non-network physicians and other qualified health care professionals, including, but not limited to, non-network authorized and percent of charge contract physicians and other qualified health care professionals.

**Policy**

**Overview**

The purpose of this reimbursement policy is to ensure accurate and appropriate claims processing in accordance with industry standards.



### Reimbursement Guidelines

The following are services that are inconsistent with the Optum Level of Care Guidelines, Optum Best Practice Guidelines and Medical Evidence Based Practice and not reimbursed as a Covered Benefit.

For Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) patients who are in a Medicare covered stay, there is no Medicare Part B coverage of the services of physician-employed auxiliary personnel as services incident to physicians' services under §1861(s)(2)(A) of the Act. Such services can be covered only under the SNF benefit and payment for such services can be made to only the SNF by a Medicare intermediary.

Claims that are submitted and do not follow this guideline will be will denied.

### Resources

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services

### History / Updates

March, 2019	Annual review
April, 2018	Annual review
March, 2017	New

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