



Unlisted and Unspecified Procedures

Policy

Unlisted procedure codes are used when the services performed do not have specific codes assigned to them. When submitting claims with such unlisted or unspecified procedures, it is necessary to attach supporting documentation describing the services that were performed. Such documentation should include the following information:

- A clear description of the nature, extent, and need for the procedure or service;
- Whether the procedure was performed independently of other services provided, or if it was performed at the same surgical site or through the same surgical opening;
- Any extenuating circumstances which may have complicated the service or procedure;
- Time, effort, and equipment necessary to provide the service; and
- The number of times the service was provided.

When submitting documentation, designate the portion of the report that identifies the test or procedure associated with the unlisted procedure code.

Reimbursement

Claims submitted with unlisted procedure codes and without supporting documentation will be denied. No additional reimbursement is provided for special techniques/equipment submitted with an unlisted procedure code. When performing two or more procedures that require the use of the same unlisted CPT code, the unlisted code should only be reported once to identify the services provided (excludes unlisted HCPCS codes; for example, DME/ unlisted drugs). Unlisted codes for DME, orthotics, and prosthetics require appropriate NU, RR or MS modifier in order to be considered for reimbursement. All other unlisted procedure codes appended with a modifier will be denied.

Required Documentation

Procedure Code Category	Documentation Requirements
Surgical procedures: all unlisted codes within the range of 10021–69990	Operative or procedure report
Radiology/imaging procedures: all unlisted codes within the range of 70010–79999	Imaging report
Laboratory and pathology procedures: all unlisted codes within the range of 80047–89398	Laboratory or pathology report
Medical procedures:	Office notes and reports



all unlisted codes within the range of
90281–99607

Unlisted HCPCS procedure codes

Operative or procedure report

Unclassified drug codes

NDC Number with full description/name and strength of the drug

Unlisted HCPCS DME codes

Provide narrative on the claim

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