

# **Provider Memorandum**

# **Understanding Molina's Outpatient Hospital Claim Rollup Requirement**

Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) is aligned with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) methodologies regarding outpatient hospital payment and when a claim rollup is required. Providers should understand that Molina recognizes some exceptions to this methodology.

## All-Inclusive Outpatient Payment Methodology

Outpatient hospital services reimbursed through the Enhanced Ambulatory Procedure Group (EAPG) Prospective Payment System (PPS) shall include:

- Surgical services.
- Diagnostic and therapeutic services.
- Emergency department services.
- Observation services.
- Psychiatric treatment services.

The all-inclusive EAPG payment largely covers all services provided by salaried hospital personnel; all drugs administered and/or provided for take-home use; all equipment and supplies used for diagnosis and/or treatment; and all X-ray, laboratory, and therapy provided to the patient on the same day.

#### The Exceptions

Hospitals are allowed to bill separately on a fee-for-service basis for a salaried physician providing direct patient care. This claim **must be** billed under both the salaried physician's name **and** NPI. A salaried physician is:

- A physician compensated by the hospital, **not including** radiologists, pathologists, nurse practitioners, or certified registered nurse anesthetists. No separate reimbursement will be allowed for such providers.
- A physician who is reimbursed by the hospital through a contractual arrangement to provide direct patient care.
- A group of physicians with a financial contract to provide Emergency Department care.

Hospitals are allowed to bill separately for chemotherapy services provided in conjunction with radiation therapy services.

An outpatient claim **must** contain **at least one** procedure code, or an Emergency Department or observation revenue code as listed in the Ambulatory Procedure Listing (APL). When any service listed in

the APL is performed on a given day, all services provided on that day (excluding the exceptions above) **must be billed on a single outpatient institutional claim**.

However, if during the same treatment span (following Emergency Department or observation services) the patient is admitted to the hospital as an inpatient, **only** the Emergency Room charge **or** the observation service may be billed on the outpatient claim. It is up to the hospital to determine which outpatient service will provide greater reimbursement.

Charges incurred as a result of services provided by other outpatient departments prior to the patient's admission, such as laboratory or radiology services, are to be shown on the inpatient claim.

## Example: Outpatient Rollup Claim Requirement

When a provider is billing outpatient claims in a series with overlapping date spans, the provider **must** submit all services on a single outpatient institutional claim.

These claims have the same provider pay-to NPI and Tax ID:

- 1) Claim 1: Bill Type 131
  - a) Header DOS: 8/5/2020-8/12/2020
    - i) Line 1: DOS 8/05/2020-8/05/2020
      - (1) Service Code: 97162
- 2) Claim 2: Bill Type 131
  - a) Header DOS: 8/12/2020-8/12/2020
    - i) Line 1: DOS 8/12/2020-8/12/2020
      - (1) Service Code: 97110

**These are duplicates** even though the line level DOS is different because the pay-to NPI/TIN are the same **and** the DOS at the header level overlap. They should be a single claim.

When in doubt, ask your Provider Network Manager for guidance.

#### **Questions?**

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