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Unlisted CPT and HCPCS code Policy**Indication/Usage:**

Unlisted and unspecified billing codes are used when no specific code exists for a particular procedure or service. Unlisted codes are typically used when a procedure or service is:

- New or innovative: A new technique or procedure that does not yet have an established code.
- Rare or uncommon: A procedure that is rarely performed and is not covered by a standard CPT code.
- Experimental: A procedure under investigation or clinical trials that does not have an established code.

- Out of the ordinary: Any service that deviates significantly from common procedures within the same category.

Providers billing for a drug, supply, service, or procedure should select the CPT or HCPCS code that gives an accurate description of the administered drug, service or procedure performed. If and only if no code exists, providers should report the drug, service, or procedure code using the appropriate unlisted code. Such codes are used as a last resort and only when there is not a more appropriate code and require additional clinical information.

Medical Indications for Authorization Commercial and Medicare Members

SummaCare considers the following CPT and HSPCS codes experimental, investigational and unproven.

An unlisted code can be identified by the following terms:

- Non-Specified
- Not Listed
- Not Elsewhere Specified (NEC)
- Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)
- Not Otherwise Specified (NOS)
- Unclassified
- Unlisted
- Unspecified
- Miscellaneous

Requests for unlisted billing codes must include supporting documentation and be submitted to the Medical Director for review. Supporting documentation includes, but is not limited to:

- Accurate and complete description of the drug, service, or procedure;
- All related information supporting administration of the drug, service, or procedure;
- Invoice for unlisted DME or supply codes;
- NDC qualifier and number of units must be included;
- Additional information pertaining to whether the drug, service, or procedure was provided separately from any other service or procedure.

Limitations

SummaCare considers unlisted CPT and HSPCS codes experimental, investigational and unproven unless otherwise specified.

Coverage Decisions

Coverage decisions made per CMS, Hayes Research and industry standards research

Plans Covered By This Policy

Commercial and Medicare

Considered experimental and investigational for all lines of business unless otherwise specified.

Sources Reviewed

Medicare Claims Processing Manual. Chapter 26-Completeing and Processing Form CMS-1500 Data Set. Section 10.4, Item 19, Item 24D.

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-andGuidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c26pdf.pdf>

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