

# Non-Participating Provider Reimbursement

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*In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®); the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and other relevant sources. Other factors that may affect payment include medical record documentation, legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider's contract, a member's eligibility in receiving covered services, submission of clean claims, other health plan policies, and other relevant factors. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.*

*This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.*

*To the extent that any procedure and/or diagnosis codes are specified in this policy, such inclusion is provided for reference purposes only, may not be all inclusive, and is not intended to serve as billing instructions. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.*

## Policy Overview

This policy addresses reimbursement for providers not participating with First Choice VIP Care or located out of the state.

## Exceptions

N/A

## Reimbursement Guidelines

Reimbursement shall be 100% of the Medicare allowed amount less all applicable cost-sharing amounts and will be reduced by a percentage amount that is equivalent to the percentage reduction in Medicare payments made by CMS resulting from mandatory federal budget reductions that are effectuated through the sequestration process or by other means.

## Definitions

N/A

## Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
- II. International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).
- III. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- IV. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- V. Medicare Fee Schedule(s)
- VI. 42 C.F.R. §438.114

## Attachments

N/A

## Associated Policies

N/A

## Policy History

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| 06/2025 | Minor updates to formatting and syntax   |
| 04/2025 | Revised preamble   |
| 12/2024 | Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval  |
| 04/2024 | Revised preamble   |
| 08/2023 | Removal of policy implemented by First Choice VIP Care from Policy History section   |
| 01/2023 | Template Revised <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revised preamble</li><li>• Removal of Applicable Claim Types table</li><li>• Coding section renamed to Reimbursement Guidelines</li><li>• Added Associated Policies section</li></ul> |