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IMPORTANT UPDATES ENCLOSED



**PROVIDER
NEWSLETTER
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CODE COVERAGE

MULTIPLE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING PROCEDURES

WEA Trust has adopted the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines that when multiple diagnostic imaging procedures are performed in a single session, most of the clinical labor activities and most supplies, with the exception of film, are not performed or furnished twice.

Effective August 1, 2020, to align with the (CMS) Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) Policy, WEA Trust updated our reimbursement regarding Multiple Diagnostic Imaging Procedures when two or more procedures are performed in the same session. This applies to diagnostic imaging procedures where CMS assigns a Multiple Procedure Indicator (MPI) of 4 on the National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFSS). When multiple imaging procedures are performed for a patient encounter on the same day and by the same provider, a reduction in reimbursement will be applied to the secondary and subsequent procedures. This will include procedures where multiple units are billed in the same session.

This policy will affect professional claims with a date of service of August 1, 2020, and after.

The reimbursement will be as follows for the second and subsequent imaging procedures based on the contracted allowed amount:

- Procedure with Modifier TC: 50%
- Procedure with Modifier 26: 95%

NATIONAL DRUG CODE (NDC) CODE

Effective January 1, 2021, WEA Trust will require a valid National Drug Code (NDC) number in addition to the appropriate HCPC Code. When billing an injectable drug, providers must submit the valid 11-digit NDC number, the unit of measurement qualifier and the quantity on the claim. These requirements apply to both paper and electronic claims with a date of service January 1, 2021, and after. Any claim billed with an invalid or missing NDC Code will be denied requesting a valid NDC Code.

MEDICAL MANAGEMENT

NICU REIMBURSEMENT



Effective October 1, 2020, WEA Trust will review claims for infants in neonatal intensive care to determine appropriateness of the level of care as part of our inpatient authorization process.

For claims billed using revenue codes 0172, 0173, or 0174 the infant will need to meet clinical criteria:

- Newborn Level II (code 0172) – Continuing care: For low birth-weight neonates who are not sick but require frequent feeding and neonates who require more hours of nursing than do normal neonates.
- Newborn Level III (code 0173)– Intermediate care: For sick neonates who do not require intensive care but require 6 hours to 12 hours of nursing each day.
- Newborn Level IV (code 0174) – Intensive care: For severely ill infants who require constant nursing and continuous cardiopulmonary and other support.

Our Utilization Review Specialists will work with Inpatient Care Managers to authorize the level of care that reflects the services and care the infant is receiving.

NEW TREATMENT REQUEST FORM - ONCOLOGY RELATED SERVICES AND MEDICATIONS

In order to conduct a complete and thorough review of oncology treatment services a preservice request must be submitted with all necessary clinical information. Decisions will be made within 15 calendar days of receipt of the request. Scheduling services prior to receiving concordance will not decrease the 15 calendar days needed for review. Urgent requests should not be requested unless it meets ERISA guidelines for the definition of urgent, which states:

Any claim for medical care or treatment with respect to which the application of the time periods for making non-urgent care determinations:

1. Could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the claimant or the ability of the claimant to regain maximum function or,
2. In the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the claimant's medical condition, would subject the claimant to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care of treatment that is the subject of the claim.

Requests for oncology related services should be completed through the Maddy Portal, **www.MaddyPortal.com**, or by using the new Oncology Pre-Authorization/Prior Authorization Request form at **www.WEAtrust.com/provider/provider-forms#** and faxed to 608.467.5431.

TRANSGENDER SERVICES

As a reminder, preauthorization is required for the following transgender services:

Transgender Dysphoria Medication (Hormone Therapy)

- The medical policy is available on our website at www.weatrust.com/provider/medical-policies#.
- Labs related to hormone therapy which include CPT Codes: 83001, 83002, 84402, 84403, 82670, 82672.

Transgender Reassignment Surgery

- The medical policy is available on our website at www.weatrust.com/provider/medical-policies#.

CREDENTIALING

Contracted providers must complete the credentialing process and receive approval for network participation prior to rendering services to WEA Trust members. Services provided before the successful completion of the credentialing process will be denied and may not be billed to the member.

PHARMACY

PREAUTHORIZATION UPDATES

Effective November 1, 2020, Ultomiris (J3590) will be moved from excluded coverage to requiring preauthorization.

EXCLUSION UPDATES

Effective November 1, 2020, Vyepti (J3590), Xembify (J3490), Beovu (J3590), and Macugen (J2503) will move from requiring preauthorization to excluded.

PROVIDER CHANGES



Network providers are responsible for notifying WEA Trust of any updates to their provider organization, business practice, or practitioners. Please use our Provider Update form, found on our website at **www.WEAtrust.com/provider/provider-forms**.

Please provide a minimum of 30 days prior notice for any such changes, including but not limited to:

- Change in ownership, operations, or incorporation status
- Change in Tax ID number or legal business name
- Acquisition of other medical practice or entity
- Change in accreditation, licensure or eligibility status
- Change in billing or other contact information
- Change in service location
- Practitioner joining or leaving your organization
- Change in practitioner name, credentials, or specialty

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