



AmeriHealth Caritas[™]
District of Columbia

To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers

Date: October 21, 2020

Subject: Non-Obstetrical Pelvic Ultrasounds Policy

Summary: Effective November 23, 2020, AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) will reimburse providers for the transvaginal ultrasound procedure at 100% of the allowed amount and for the transabdominal ultrasound procedure at 50% of the allowed amount when both services are rendered by the same practitioner to the same patient on the same day and during the same session.

This payment policy applies to the reporting of non-obstetrical transabdominal pelvic ultrasound and transvaginal ultrasound services that are rendered by the same practitioner, to the same patient on the same day and during the same session. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction guidelines represent a methodology used to determine the provider's reimbursement for eligible multiple diagnostic reduction services. The Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction guideline for diagnostic imaging applies when the same physician furnishes multiple services to the same enrollee, in the same session, on the same day.

When a non-obstetrical transabdominal pelvic ultrasound and transvaginal ultrasound are furnished to the same enrollee by the same practitioner on the same day and during the same session, AmeriHealth Caritas DC will reimburse for the transvaginal ultrasound procedure at 100% of the allowed amount, and for the transabdominal pelvic ultrasound examination at 50% of the allowed amount.

The rationale for a reduction in the multiple-procedure payment is that when a provider acquires multiple non-obstetrical ultrasound images in a single session, provider reimbursement will be reduced to offset duplication of clinical labor activities and supplies that were only rendered once.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to providers whose reimbursement for non-obstetrical pelvic ultrasounds is based on Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Group (EAPG) methodology.

Questions:

If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Account Executive or the Provider Services department at 202-408-2237.