



ClaimsXten™ Rule Descriptions

RULE NAME	RULE DESCRIPTION
Surgical Inclusive Edit Effective: 07/15/2013	This edit will deny claim lines containing supplies when billed for the same date of service as a surgical procedure for which CMS has assigned a global period.
Incidental Edit Effective: 07/15/2013	This edit will deny a claim line clinically integral to accomplishing the principal procedure/service or considered a component of the more comprehensive procedure.
Multicode Rebundle Edit Effective: 07/15/2013	This edit will deny a claim line when two or more procedures are used to describe a service when a single, more comprehensive procedure exists that more accurately describes the complete service performed.
Mutually Exclusive Edit Effective: 07/15/2013	This edit will deny a claim line that would not reasonably performed on the same patient on the same day.
Same Day Visit Edit Effective: 07/15/2013	This edit will deny claim lines containing Evaluation and Management codes billed on the same date of service as a procedure code with a global period.
Pre-Op Visit Edit Effective: 07/15/2013	This edit will deny claim lines containing Evaluation and Management codes billed within the pre-operative period of a procedure code with a global period.
Post-Op Visit Edit Effective: 07/15/2013	This edit will deny claim lines containing Evaluation and Management codes billed within the post-operative period of a procedure code with a global period.
Age Replacement Edit Effective: 07/15/2013 Retired: 03/2016	This edit will deny claim lines containing procedure codes inconsistent with the patient's age and replaces the line with the age-appropriate code.
Gender Replacement Edit Effective: 07/15/2013	This edit will deny claim lines containing procedure codes which are inconsistent with the member's gender and replaces the line with the gender-appropriate code.
Modifier to Procedure Edit Effective: 07/15/2013	This edit will deny claim lines with invalid modifier to procedure code combinations for those modifiers identified as payment modifiers.
Same Day Laboratory 1 Effective: 07/15/2013 Retired: 04/16/2018	This rule will deny claim lines with a laboratory procedure submitted without modifier -91 when the same laboratory procedure was previously submitted by the same provider for the same member and same date of service.
Same Day Laboratory 2 Effective: 07/15/2013 Retired 04/16/2018	This rule will deny claim lines with laboratory procedure codes submitted with units of service that exceed the date range on the line and neither modifier -59 nor -91 were appended to the procedure code.
Procedure to Diagnosis Quantity – OK/NM ONLY Effective: New Mexico 02/04/2012, Oklahoma 02/04/2012	This rule will deny claim lines submitted with procedure code 86001, 86003 or 83516 and a diagnosis of food allergy with units of service greater than 25.
Co-Surgeon Effective: 07/15/2013	This rule will deny claim lines submitted with modifier -62 (Co-Surgeon) when the procedure code typically does not require co-surgeons as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and Current Procedural Terminology co-surgeon guidelines.
Age Code Replacement Rule Effective: 03/21/2016	This rule will identify claim lines containing procedure codes or preventive evaluation and management codes that are inconsistent with the member's age for which an alternate code is more appropriate for the age.
Obstetrics Package Rule Effective: 09/29/2014	This rule will deny potential overpayments for obstetric care. It will evaluate claim lines to determine if any global obstetric care codes (defined as containing antepartum, delivery and postpartum services, for example code 59400) were submitted with another global OB care delivery code.



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Medically Unlikely Edits Durable Medical Equipment Multiple Lines Effective: 12/15/2014	This rule will deny claim lines when the units of service for the DME items has been exceeded for a HCPCS code submitted by a provider or multiple providers for the same member and same date of service. The rule is based upon the MUE values from CMS Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.
Continuous Positive Airway Pressure or Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure Supply Frequency Effective: 09/29/2014 End Date All Plans: 10/14/2019	This rule will deny claim lines submitted with supply codes associated with CPAP/BIPAP therapy when the number of units for those supplies exceeds the recommended replacement schedule as determined by CMS. CMS Local Coverage Determination L11518, L11528, L171, L27230 may be located using the Medicare Coverage Database.
MUEs Multiple Lines Effective: 07/15/2013	This rule will deny claim lines when the units of service submitted for CPT/HCPCS codes by the same provider, same member, same date of service, exceeds the MUEs established by CMS for that CPT/HCPCS code.
Frequency Validation – Allowed Multiple Times Per Date of Service Filter Effective: 07/15/2013	This rule will deny claim lines that contain procedure codes that have been submitted more than once per date of service when the code description is defined as once per date of service.
Frequency Validation – Allowed Once Per Date of Service Filter Effective: 07/15/2013	This rule will deny claim lines when the quantity billed for the procedure code exceeds maximum allowed per date of service, per site.
CMS National Correct Coding Initiative Effective: 03/23/2015	The CMS National Correct Coding Initiative policies are based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association CPT manual, national and local Medicare policies and edits, coding guidelines developed by national societies, standard medical and surgical practice and/or current coding practice. This rule will deny claim lines for which the submitted procedure is not recommended for reimbursement as defined by a code pair found in the NCCI.
Outpatient Facility – MUEs Multiple Lines Effective: 02/29/2016	This rule will deny outpatient facility claim lines when the units of service submitted for CPT/HCPCS codes by the same provider, same member, same date of service, exceeds the MUEs established by CMS for that CPT/HCPCS code.
Facility Outpatient Code Editor CMS CCI Bundling Rule Effective: 02/29/2016	This rule will deny outpatient facility claim lines containing code pairs found to be unbundled according to CMS Integrated Outpatient Code Editor.
Facility Unbundled Pairs Outpatient Rule Effective: 02/29/2016	This facility rule identifies the unbundling of multiple surgical codes when submitted on facility claims. The rule detects surgical code pairs that may be inappropriate for one of the following reasons: one code is a component of the other code, or these codes would not be reasonably performed together on the same date of service.
Global Component Effective: 09/18/2017	This rule identifies claim lines with procedure codes which have components (professional and technical) to prevent overpayment for either the professional or technical components or the global procedure. The rule also detects when duplicate submissions occurred for the total global procedure or its components across different providers.
Component Billed Effective: 09/18/2017	This rule identifies when a professional or technical component of a procedure is submitted, and the same global procedure was previously submitted by the same provider ID for the same member for the same date of service.
Add-On Without Base Effective: 09/18/2017	This rule identifies claim lines containing a Current Procedural Terminology or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System assigned add-on code billed without the presence of one or more related primary service/base procedure(s). This rule also contains content related to vaccine and immunoglobulin administration requirements.
Add-On Without Base 2 Effective: 09/18/2017	This rule identifies claim lines containing a Current Procedural Terminology or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System add-on code billed either as the sole code for that date of service, only with another add-on code, or without a code from a valid base code module.



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New Patient EM Effective: 09/18/2017	This rule recommends the denial of claim lines containing a new patient E&M code when another claim line containing any E&M code or other Face-to-face professional services was billed within a three-year period, by the same provider (using the same provider ID) or Same Provider group and same specialty.
Modifier to Procedure Validation Filter – Non-Payment Modifiers Effective: 04/20/2020	For non-payment modifiers, this rule identifies claim lines with an invalid modifier to procedure code combination. It recommends the denial of procedure codes when billed with any non-payment affecting modifier that is not likely or not appropriate for the procedure code billed. When multiple modifiers are submitted on a line, all are evaluated and if at least one is found invalid with the procedure code, the line is recommended for denial.
Bilateral Services for Professional Claims Effective: 04/20/2020	This rule identifies claim lines where the submitted procedure code was already billed with a modifier -50 for the same date of service. The same service performed bilaterally should not be billed twice when reimbursement guidelines require the code to be billed once with a bilateral modifier. The rule denies the second submission.
Lifetime Event Effective: 06/15/2020	This rule audits claims to determine if a procedure code has been submitted more than once or twice on the same date of service or across dates of service when it can only be performed once or twice in a lifetime for the same member. The Lifetime Event is the total number of times that a procedure may be submitted in a lifetime. This is the total number of times it is clinically possible or reasonable to perform a procedure on a single member. After reaching the maximum number of times, additional submissions of the procedure are not recommended for reimbursement.
Multiple Medical Same Day Visits Effective: 06/15/2020	This outpatient facility rule identifies and recommends the denial of claims with multiple Evaluation & Management (E&M) codes and other visit codes that are: Submitted on the same date of service; Performed at the same facility; Submitted with the same revenue code, and; Where the second and subsequent E&M code submitted lacks the required modifier -27.
Revenue Codes Requiring HCPCS Codes Effective: 06/15/2020	This rule recommends the denial of claim lines if they are: Submitted with a revenue code that requires a HCPCS code, and; No HCPCS code is present. If a claim is missing a HCPCS code, the claim line will be denied.
Bundled Service Effective: 03/1/2024	This rule identifies claim lines containing procedure codes indicated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to be always bundled when billed with any other procedure. According to the CMS National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File, this procedure has a status code indicator of "B," which is defined as: "Payment for covered services is always bundled into payment for other services not specified." This rule is appropriate for professional claims only.
CMS Add-on Without Base Code Facility Effective: 03/1/2024	This rule identifies claim lines containing a Current Procedural Terminology or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System assigned add-on code when billed without acceptable supporting primary procedure/base code by the same practitioner for the same patient on the same date of service, per CMS. According to CMS, add-on codes are always performed in addition to the primary service or procedure and must never be reported as a stand-alone code. An add-on code is eligible for payment if its related primary procedure/base code is also eligible for payment to the same practitioner for the same patient on the same date of service. This rule is appropriate for outpatient facility claims only.
Ancillary Procedures Effective: 03/1/2024	<p>This rule identifies claim lines billed by the same or a different provider either on the same day or different day (depending on the procedure code) after a non-covered service. This rule can consider both facility and non-facility claims.</p> <p>Before denying an ancillary service, the rule check for other covered services that may have been performed on the same day as the non-covered procedure. If found, the rule will allow the ancillary service. This rule is appropriate for professional claims and outpatient facility claims only.</p>

Verification of eligibility and/or benefit information is not a guarantee of payment. Benefits will be determined once a claim is received and will be based upon, among other things, the member's eligibility and the terms of the member's certificate of coverage applicable on the date services were rendered.

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