

Outpatient From-to Date Policy, Facility

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Application
<p>This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the UB04 Claim Form, the 837i facility transaction, any successor form. This policy applies to all products and all network and non-network facilities, including, but not limited to, non-network authorized and percent of charge contract facilities.</p> <p>United Healthcare Commercial This Reimbursement Policy applies to all UnitedHealthcare Commercial benefit plans.</p> <p>UnitedHealthcare Individual Exchange This Reimbursement Policy applies to all Individual Exchange benefit plans.</p>

Policy
<p>Overview</p> <p>The policy describes how United Healthcare reimburses outpatient UB04 claims submitted with a from and to date. It also addresses the requirement to report valid dates of service on each claim line, which must fall within the from and to date range.</p>

Reimbursement Guidelines

In accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC), a valid date of service must be reported on each claim line, as it represents the date the outpatient service was provided. There must be a single line-item date of service reported for every revenue code, procedure code or drug code on all outpatient claims.

In addition, each service date (MMDDYY) must fall within the from and to date of service on the outpatient facility claim.

Questions and Answers

1	<p>Q: What field on the UB-04 electronic claim form is used for the “From” and “To” date?</p> <p>A: Field Line 6 - Statement Covers Period (From-Through) on the UB-04 electronic claim form should be used to enter the “From” and “To” date.</p>
2	<p>Q: What happens if the date of service submitted for a procedure is out of the “From” and “To” date calendar range?</p> <p>A: The claim will be denied. The provider can resubmit the claim with an appropriate date of service.</p>

Resources

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services
 National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC)

History

7/1/2024	<p>Template Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferred content to shared policy template that applies to both UnitedHealthcare Commercial and Individual Exchange benefit plans. • Updated Application section to indicate this Reimbursement Policy applies to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All UnitedHealthcare Commercial benefit plans ○ All Individual Exchange benefit plans <p>History Section: Entries prior to 7/1/2022 archived</p>
6/25/2023	<p>Policy Version Change Logo updated</p>
11/1/2021	<p>Policy implemented by UnitedHealthcare Employer & Individual</p>
7/20/2021	<p>Policy approved by the Reimbursement Policy Oversight Committee</p>