

MCG message

Title: **Non-obstetrical pelvic ultrasounds policy**

Date: October 13, 2020

Summary: Effective November 1, 2020, Blue Cross Complete of Michigan 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 provider to the same member 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 provider, to the same member on the same day and during the same session. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 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 provider furnishes multiple services to the same member in the same session on the same day.

When a non-obstetrical transabdominal pelvic ultrasound and transvaginal ultrasound are furnished to the same member by the same provider on the same day and during the same session, Blue Cross Complete 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 doesn't apply to providers whose reimbursement for non-obstetrical pelvic ultrasounds is based on enhanced ambulatory patient group, or EAPG, methodology.



Questions:

If you have any questions, contact your Blue Cross Complete provider account executive or Blue Cross Complete Provider Inquiry at **1-888-312-5713**.