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Montana Health Care Programs Notice

Ambulatory Surgical Centers

Enhanced Claims Editing – Add-On Codes

Beginning in December 2010, Montana Health Care Programs will implement add-on editing for Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) claims. Add-on codes are always performed in conjunction with a primary procedure and should never be reported as stand-alone services.

Generally, these procedures are designated as add-on codes with the symbol + and identified with the parenthetical statement *List separately in addition to code for primary procedure*. Other times the supplemental code is used only with certain primary codes, which are parenthetically identified.

The reason for these CPT codes is to separately identify a service that is performed in certain situations as an additional service. Reference the AMA *CPT*[®] *Manual* for additional information.

Procedures that are billed without the primary code will be denied. The reason and remark code (N122) will specify that an add-on code cannot be billed by itself.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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