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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Outpatient PPS Hospitals

Effective January 1, 2017

Change to Medicaid Outpatient Laboratory Billing

Effective January 1, 2017, modifier L1 associated with the reporting of conditionally packaged laboratory procedures will be deactivated. The modifier will no longer override the packaging of laboratory codes that are billed with other payable Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) procedures. Laboratory procedures are only payable under OPPS when the lab codes are the only payable codes on the claim, or when the Type of Bill (TOB) is 141 (Hospital, Other, Admit through Discharge) for non-patient laboratory tests.

Note: Some lab codes (e.g., molecular pathology codes) are not subject to the conditional packaging logic.

Montana Medicaid is implementing the revisions that CMS made to regulations for TOB 13x and 14x.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Chappell Smith at 406-444-7018 or <mailto:chappell.smith@mt.gov>.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406-442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com.

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