

JHHC New Reimbursement Policy: Routine Venipuncture and/or Collection of Specimens-Professional

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

Health Plans Affected: Johns Hopkins Advantage MD, Johns Hopkins Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority Partners, Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Type of Change: Reimbursement

Explanation of Change:

John Hopkins HealthCare (JHHC) has released its new reimbursement policy on Routine Venipuncture and/or Collection of Specimens-Professional. This payment policy applies to Routine Venipuncture and/or Collection of Specimens, professional services that are reported to JHHC on CMS-1500 claim forms or their electronic equivalent from network and non-network physicians, providers, and suppliers to the Advantage MD, EHP, Priority Partners and USFHP health plans.

This policy makes public JHHC's new policy on the subject matter, with a July 1, 2023 effective date.

- **RPC.015:** Consistent with CMS guidance, JHHC will reimburse venipuncture services and/or collection of specimens, when covered under plan benefits and when billing guidelines are met. The appropriate CPT[®] codes, modifiers and/or Place of Service (POS) must be used when the venipuncture or collection of specimens claims are submitted. Claims that do not follow correct coding and billing guidelines may be denied.
 - Consistent with CMS, regardless of the number of blood specimens drawn, only one venipuncture collection fee will be allowed, per day.
 - JHHC will deny the venipuncture/specimen collection service when billed with an Evaluation and Management (E/M) service as these services are considered bundled.
 - JHHC follows the “first in, first out” logic and will only reimburse one venipuncture service per day, regardless of the number of providers who perform the service.
 - Consistent with CMS, JHHC considers S9529 to be a non-reimbursable service code, and is not eligible for reimbursement.

REFERENCES:

- [Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments \(CLIA\) | CMS*](#)
- [CMS Regulations & Guidance*](#)
- [COMAR- Maryland Department of Health- Maryland Medicaid Administration*](#)
- [CPT®_ Copyright American Medical Association.](#)
- [Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 16 - Laboratory Services*](#)
- [NCCI for Medicaid | CMS* and NCCI for Medicare | CMS*](#)
- [TRICARE Policy Manual- Administration Chapter 1 Section 12.1, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System \(HCPCS\) “C” And “S” Codes*](#)

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