

New and Updated Neighborhood Payment Policies

Neighborhood News – January 2023

Maintaining current and accurate payment policies is a priority for Neighborhood. The policies listed below were reviewed on December 15, 2022 and any revisions are summarized. In addition, in mid-November 2022, Neighborhood communicated news of the creation of the Clinical Trials Payment Policy, as well as, changes to our Physical and Occupational Rehabilitation Services Payment Policy and Speech Therapy Services Payment Policy. These policy updates are also recapped below.

1. [Anesthesia Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Format Changes to outdated policy.
- Added general documentation requirements.
- Replaces Anesthesia Billing and Reimbursement Policy, effective 6/1/2014 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: All

2. [Chiropractic Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Annual policy review. No Content Changes.
- Chiropractic Services Payment Policy– Archive 1, effective 11/30/2021 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: INTEGRITY and Commercial

3. [Complementary Alternative Medicine \(CAM\) Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Annual policy review. No Content Changes.
- Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM) Services Payment Policy – Archive 3, effective 11/2/2021 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: Medicaid

4. [Drug Testing Payment Policy](#)

Action: New policy created December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Newly created policy to replace Urine Toxicology Testing Clinical Medicine Policy (CMP) effective 6/1/2016 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: All

5. [Durable Medical Equipment \(DME\) Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Format Changes to outdated policy.
- Content changes to align with current state.
- Removed coding table and added link to FQLI grid.
- Replaces Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Coverage Summary, effective 6/10/2013 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: All

6. [Hospice Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Format changes to outdated policy.
- Content changes to align with current state.
- Replaces Hospice Billing & Reimbursement Guideline and Hospice Coverage Summary Services Payment Policy effective 7/8/2010 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: All

7. [Immunization and Vaccine Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Annual Review.
- Updated COVID-19 Vaccine/Administration table with new codes.
- Removed language regarding submitting Integrity COVID-19 claims to Medicare.
- Immunization and Vaccine Payment Policy – Archive 2, effective 11/02/2021 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: All

8. [Immunosuppressive Therapy During a Global Period](#)

Action: Retired December 15, 2022

Summary of Changes:

- Retired content included in Modifier Payment Policy and Transplant Services Payment Policies.
- Immunosuppressive Therapy During a Global Period, effective 9/1/2010 through 12/15/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

9. [In Lieu of Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Annual policy review. No Content Changes.
- In Lieu of Services Payment Policy– Archive 3, effective 11/2/2021 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: Medicaid and INTEGRITY

10. [Mammography Screening Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Annual policy review. No Content Changes.
- Mammography Screening Payment Policy– Archive 1, effective 11/30/2021 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: All

11. [Non-Covered Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Annual Review; [Click here for a summary of CPT/HCPC changes](#).
- Added services for investigational/experimental- included footnotes for RIGL and CMS.
- Moved commercial homemaker services language to additional coverage exclusions.
- Moved commercial home births language to additional coverage exclusions.
- Non-covered Services Payment Policy – Archive 7, effective 7/18/2022 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: All

12. [Obstetrical Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Annual Review.
- Added Doula Services.
- Updated early maternity discharge coding.
- Obstetrical Services Payment Policy – Archive 1, effective 8/1/2021 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: All

13. [Transplant Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 15, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Added language for how to submit donor claims.
- Format changes to outdated policy.
- Updated “Coverage Includes” language for improved clarity.
- Replaces Transplant Coverage Summary, effective 10/3/2013 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: All

In mid-November 2022, Neighborhood communicated news of the following policy updates:

14. [Clinical Trials Payment Policy](#)

Action: New policy; Created November 15, 2022

Summary of Changes:

- Newly created policy to align with CMS requirements.

Impacted line(s) of business: All

15. [Physical and Occupational Rehabilitation Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 1, 2022; Effective January 1, 2023

Summary of Changes:

- Updated policy to remove the PA requirement for additional physical therapy (PT) and occupational therapy (OT) beyond twenty-four (24) sessions per calendar year for INTEGRITY members effective January 1, 2023.
- Physical and Occupational Rehabilitation Services Payment Policy – Archive 5, effective 4/1/2022 through 12/31/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: Changes made to INTEGRITY only

16. [Speech Therapy Services Payment Policy](#)

Action: Reviewed and revised December 1, 2022

Summary of Changes:

- Updated policy to remove the PA requirement for additional speech therapy (ST) beyond twenty-four (24) sessions per calendar year for INTEGRITY members effective January 1, 2023.
- Speech Therapy Services Payment Policy – Archive 4, effective 5/1/2022 through 11/14/2022, now published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies Archive webpage](#).

Impacted line(s) of business: Changes made to INTEGRITY only