

June 14, 2024

# Dear Provider/Facility:

We are in the process of completing our review of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT<sup>®</sup>) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) additions, deletions and revisions for July 1, 2024. This could result in some changes to:

- Prior approval
- Investigational services
- Unit designation
- Informational
- Place of Service
- New Codes with Retroactive Effective Dates
- Changes in requirements for existing services
- Fee/Allowed Amounts

Please note, our review is still underway, so any additional changes will be posted to the provider website.

#### PRIOR APPROVAL

**NEW CODES:** The following new codes require prior approval: C1605, J1748\*, J2267\*, J3247\*, J3263\*, J3393\*, J3394\*, J7171\*, J7355\*, J9361\*, Q5137\*, Q5138\*, 0454U, 0459U, 0471U, and 0473U

EXISTING/REVISED CODES: Code 74263 requires prior approval as of July 1, 2024

#### \*prior approval is through Optum Rx

### **INVESTIGATIONAL SERVICES**

**NEW CODES:** The following new codes are considered investigational: 0867T, 0868T, 0870T - 0900T, 90637, 90638, 0020M, Q4311 – Q4333, 0450U – 0453U, 0456U – 0458U, 0460U – 0470U, 0472U, and 0474U -0475U

**EXISTING/REVISED CODES:** A4540 is considered investigational starting on October 1, 2024.

### **UNIT DESIGNATION**

New Codes Single Unit Designation: 0867T - 0882T, 0884T - 0890T, 0893T - 0895T, 0897T - 0900T, 90637, 90638, 0020M, C1605, C1606, C9901, G0519 - G0531, G9037, G9038, M0224, 0450U - 0462U, 0464U - 0473U, and 0475U

New Codes Multiple Unit Designation: 0883T, 0891T, 0892T, 0896T, A9506, J0211, J0687, J0872, J0911, J1597, J1598, J1748, J2183, J2246, J2267, J2373, J2468, J2470, J2471, J3247, J3263, J3393, J3394, J7171, J7355, J8611, J8612, J9361, Q0224, Q4311 – Q4333, Q5137, Q5138, 0463U, and 0474U

Existing Code 0402U has changed from a single unit designation to a multiple unit designation.

Services billed for dates of service on or after July 1, 2024 require the correct billing of unit designation.

The Unit Designation Grid located at <a href="www.bcbsvt.com/provider">www.bcbsvt.com/provider</a> under manual/reference guides, general, unit designation is updated to include the new CPT\*/HCPCS codes and their unit designations.

## **INFORMATIONAL**

The following new codes are considered informational and are a provider liability: G0519 – G0531

## **PLACE OF SERVICE**

Place of service 66 is being added and will process to the same benefits as office based (place of service 11). Effective 08/01/2024.

## **NEW CODES WITH RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATES**

The following new codes will be added to our system as of July 1, 2024, retroactively as of date noted:

Code	Effective Date	Benefits	
Q0224	3/22/24	Eligible, based on medical necessity. Multiple unit designation	
M0224	3/22/24	Eligible, based on medical necessity. Single unit designation	

#### **CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING SERVICES**

There are changes in requirements for the following services. Effective date noted in header.

Code	Processing through June 30, 2024	Change for July 1, 2024
C9359	Investigational	Eligible, based on medical necessity
0279U	Investigational	Eligible, based on medical necessity
0280U	Investigational	Eligible, based on medical necessity
0281U	Investigational	Eligible, based on medical necessity
0282U	Investigational	Eligible, based on medical necessity
0283U	Investigational	Eligible, based on medical necessity
0284U	Investigational	Eligible, based on medical necessity
0402U	Eligible, based on medical necessity. Eligible	Eligible, based on medical necessity. Member
	as a preventive service if member has ACA	liabilities applied.
	preventive coverage	
11980	Eligible, based on medical necessity. Eligible	Eligible, based on medical necessity. Member
	as a preventive service if member has ACA	liabilities applied.
	preventive coverage	
74263	Prior Approval	Prior Approval. Eligible as a preventive service if PA
		is approved and member has ACA preventive
		coverage
90589	Investigational	Eligible, based on medical necessity
90683	Investigational	Eligible, based on medical necessity. Eligible as a
		preventive service if member has ACA preventive
		coverage
Code	Processing through September 30, 2024	Change for October 1, 2024
99453	Eligible	Non-covered, provider liability
99454	Eligible	Non-covered, provider liability
99457	Eligible	Non-covered, provider liability
99458	Eligible	Non-covered, provider liability
0364U	Investigational	Prior Approval
A4540	Eligible, based on medical necessity	Investigational
G2012	Eligible, based on medical necessity	Eligible, based on medical necessity, only if Medicare
		is the primary carrier.

# **Fee/Allowance Amounts**

The fee/allowances for the above codes can be obtained by contacting your provider relations consultant. Fee/allowances can be obtained July 15, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, feel free to contact your provider relations consultant. If you are not sure who that is, please email <a href="mailto:providerrelations@bcbsvt.com">providerrelations@bcbsvt.com</a> or call (888) 449-0443 option 1 and you will be directed to the appropriate person. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays.

Sincerely,

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