

NEW POLICY UPDATES

CLINICAL PAYMENT, CODING AND POLICY CHANGES

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. In an effort to keep our providers informed, please see the below chart of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning **January 1, 2024**:

Outpatient Services Prior to Admission

All outpatient services prior to an admission that are (1) related to the member's inpatient stay and (2) performed on the date of admission, or within three calendar days prior to the date of admission, are included in the facility's reimbursement for the inpatient stay and will not be considered for separate reimbursement. For example, if a member is admitted as an inpatient on a Wednesday, any related outpatient services prior to the admission performed on that Wednesday, or on the preceding Tuesday, Monday, or Sunday, will not be separately reimbursed because reimbursement for such services is included in the reimbursement for the inpatient admission

Excluded from Policy

Outpatient services prior to an admission rendered at a psychiatric facility

Outpatient maternity services prior to an admission related to a pregnancy

Outpatient services prior to an admission rendered to a member who chooses to be discharged against medical advice.