

Reimbursement Policy	
Subject: Facility Take-Home DME and Medical Supplies	
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Visit our provider website for the most current version of our reimbursement policies. If you are using a printed version of this policy, please verify the information by going to <https://www.bluecrossnc.com/providers/blue-medicare-providers/healthy-blue-medicare>.

Disclaimer

These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claims submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC) if the service is covered for Healthy Blue + MedicareSM (HMO D-SNP). The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member's benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis as well as to the member's state of residence. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with CPT[®] codes, HCPCS codes, and/or revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to participating providers and facilities; a noncontracting provider who accepts Medicare assignment will be reimbursed for services according to the original Medicare reimbursement rates.

If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current reimbursement policies are not followed, Blue Cross NC Medicare Advantage may:

- Reject or deny the claim.
- Recover and/or recoup claim payment.
- Adjust the reimbursement to reflect the appropriate services and/or procedures performed.

Blue Cross NC Medicare Advantage reimbursement policies are developed based on nationally accepted industry standards and coding principles. These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal, or CMS contracts and/or requirements. System logic or set up may prevent the loading of policies into the claims platforms in the same manner as described; however, Blue Cross NC Medicare Advantage strives to minimize these variations.

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Healthy Blue + MedicareSM (HMO D-SNP) is a Medicare Advantage plan offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC). Certain administrative services for Healthy Blue + Medicare are provided by Amerigroup Partnership Plan, LLC (Amerigroup) pursuant to an administrative services agreement. References to Blue Cross NC may mean Blue Cross NC or their designee, Amerigroup.

Blue Cross NC Medicare Advantage reserves the right to review and revise our policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy on our provider website.

Policy

Blue Cross NC Medicare Advantage does not allow reimbursement of durable medical equipment (DME) and medical supplies dispensed by a facility for take-home use for inpatient or outpatient hospital facilities. Facility claims submitted for DME and medical supplies billed with revenue codes denoting take-home use will be denied.

To be considered for reimbursement, claims for take-home DME and medical supplies should be submitted by a DME/supply vendor. Reimbursement is based on the:

- Contract or negotiated rate for participating vendors.
- Out-of-network fee schedule or negotiated rate for nonparticipating vendors.

Blue Cross NC Medicare Advantage allows reimbursement of facility claims for medical supplies dispensed to the member at discharge and billed with revenue codes other than take-home for the following items:

- Crutches
- No more than 72 hours of medical supplies if the provider was not able to obtain supplies from a vendor by discharge

Related Coding

Standard Correct Coding Applies

Policy History

01/03/22	Biennial review approved
01/01/21	Initial approval and effective date

References and Research Materials

This policy has been developed through consideration of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS • State contract
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Definitions

Take Home Use	Intended for use outside of a facility
General Reimbursement Policy Definitions	

Related Policies and Materials

None
