

Equipment For Surgical Or Diagnostic Procedures

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Active policy, not scheduled for routine review.

Definition:

Both surgical and diagnostic procedures require the use of equipment. Certain procedures can be accomplished by different techniques or through the use of specialized equipment. Examples may include such items as phaco machine, electrocautery, laser, cryothermia, etc.

Coverage:

Charges for the use of any equipment or device used to perform a procedure are covered when included in the fee for the procedure. No additional allowance is given for the use of such equipment or devices.

Approval Procedures:

Not applicable.

Limitations and Exclusions:

1. A separate charge for the use of any equipment or device used to perform a procedure is not covered.
2. Reimbursement for procedures that require the use of equipment is limited to the performing and/or processing and interpreting of that procedure.
3. Reimbursement for use of equipment, regardless of the place of service, is not covered for any situation other than that listed in coverage.

Authority:

G.S. 135-42(b)

G.S. 108A-70.21(b)

G.S. 135-40.6(1)j (statute effective through 6/30/08 for Predecessor Plan)

G.S. 135-40.7(10) (statute effective through 6/30/08 for Predecessor Plan)

G.S. 135-40.7(16) (statute effective through 6/30/08 for Predecessor Plan)

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