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The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) implemented a new reimbursement policy to pay certain surgical procedures from a fee schedule (see the MHD Provider Bulletin Volume 41 Number 31, dated December 26, 2018). The change in reimbursement is for dates of services on or after January 1, 2019.

The MHD has subsequently identified outpatient claims that have been billed with surgical revenue codes, and the claims do not include surgical procedure codes. Current Procedure Terminology® (CPT) codes 10000-69999 are surgical procedures that should be billed with surgical revenue codes on outpatient claims. Hospitals should only use surgical revenue codes when billing for procedures that are within this range.

If one or more of the surgical revenue codes listed below are billed on an outpatient claim, a surgical procedure code must also be listed on the claim.


Outpatient claims billed with surgical revenue codes that do not include the surgical procedure codes may be subject to recoupment.

Please reference the MHD Provider Bulletin Volume 41, Number 52 for the list of Current Dental Terminology® (CDT) codes that the MHD considers surgical codes.

Managed Care

Managed Care enrolled providers should contact their Managed Care Organization(s) for questions regarding Outpatient Surgical billing.
**Provider Bulletins** are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Web site at [http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm](http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm). Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the provider manuals as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient’s MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient’s eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

**Provider Communications Hotline**

573-751-2896