



Provider Alert

Clarification on UB-04 Billing Guidelines - Multiple Services for the Same Revenue Code

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This alert clarifies the Medicaid Guidelines regarding Policy & Procedures for billing multiple services for the same revenue code on inpatient and outpatient UB-04 claims. [Click here](#) to see the Billing Manual for further reference. This guidance addresses the situation of duplicate code lines denied for submitted claims with multiple lines of the same revenue code. You must submit a complete corrected claim using the guidance below to have these denials reprocessed. Do not send only the denied lines.

Inpatient Services & Outpatient UB-04 Claims – Multiple line like/same Revenue Code

For inpatient claims involving multiple services for the same item (same revenue code), providers should combine those services under a single assigned revenue code and then report the total number of units and charges for those services. Do not bill the same revenue code more than once per claim.

EXAMPLE:

CORRECT					
42. Rev Code	43. Description	44. Rate	45. Service Dates	46. Service Units	47. Total Charges
0124	Inpatient R&B		010120-010420	3	\$1,200.00
0301	Lab		010120-010420	2	\$75.50

INCORRECT – multiple same revenue codes billed on separate lines					
42. Rev Code	43. Description	44. Rate	45. Service Dates	46. Service Units	47. Total Charges
0124	Inpatient R&B		010120	1	\$400.00
0124	Inpatient R&B		010220	1	\$400.00

0124	Inpatient R&B		010320	1	\$400.00
0301	Lab		010220	1	\$50.00
0301	Lab		010220	1	\$25.50

Outpatient Services – UB-04 Claims.

For outpatient services, only one date of service may be billed on a single UB-04 (Continued treatment must be billed separately for each day).

Combine all services for a single revenue code for a single day on one line, report number of units and the total charge. *Exception is revenue code 25X when you are required to include the National Drug Code NDC. (see below).*

If multiple services are provided on the same day that are assigned the same Revenue Code, combine the units and charges and list the revenue code only once. Report the **total** number of units and charges per revenue code for the day.

EXAMPLE:

CORRECT					
42. Rev Code	43. Description	44. Rate	45. Service Dates	46. Service Units	47. Total Charges
0513	Clinic		040120	1	\$45.00
0301	Lab		040120	2	\$32.00

INCORRECT - more than one date of service on outpatient bill, date range on line 1					
42. Rev Code	43. Description	44. Rate	45. Service Dates	46. Service Units	47. Total Charges
0513	Clinic		040120-040220	2	\$90.00
0301	Lab		040120	2	\$32.00
0301	Lab		040220	1	\$15.00

Exception – 25X with NDC Codes

You may report multiple line items of revenue codes and NDC codes within series 025X or revenue code 0637, following the guidelines below:

- 1) Each line item must reflect a revenue code within series 025X or revenue code 0637.
- 2) Each line item must reflect a valid NDC per the NDC format.
- 3) Each NDC reported must be unique or the revenue code line item will deny as a duplicate against the Revenue Code and NDC line item that matches it.

Optum Maryland would like to reassure providers that all of our services are operating as normal during the current national response to COVID-19. Providers can continue to contact us at 1 (800) 888-1965. After-hours and holidays will be covered by clinical night staff for crisis and emergency services.

Thank you,
Optum Maryland Team