



Network Notification

Notification Date: September 1, 2017
To: Ohio Medicaid, CareSource MyCare Ohio, Marketplace and Medicare Advantage Health Partners
From: CareSource
Subject: Announcing Enforcement of Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups Billing Guidelines
Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Attention: there has been update on the implementation of EAPG billing guidelines. Please refer to the [OH Medicaid notification](#) or the [OH MyCare notification](#) dated September 1, 2017, for the most up-to-date guidance. Note also that the notification from July 27, 2017, erroneously stated that EAPG was effective for Marketplace and Medicare Advantage. EAPG billing guidelines are only effective for Medicaid and MyCare.

Effective August 1, 2017, CareSource is enforcing the methodology associated to enhanced ambulatory patient groups (EAPG). The methodology is enforced using Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) billing guidelines, which we have included below for your reference from Section 3.3 – Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups.

Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2017, outpatient hospital services will be subject to a prospective payment methodology utilizing the enhanced ambulatory patient grouping (EAPG) system version 3.9 developed and maintained by 3M Health Information Systems.

The EAPG compliance date is August 1, 2017. Providers who submit outpatient claims with from/through dates that span the compliance date of August 1, 2017, should bill these services using two separate claims:

1. One claim should be submitted for outpatient services with dates of service prior to 8/1/17; and
2. One claim should be submitted for outpatient services with dates of service on or after 8/1/17.

Ohio outpatient health partners must submit one claim for one date of service. **Otherwise, CareSource will deny their claims.**

According to OAC 5160-2-21 (B), an "outpatient claim" is defined as those outpatient services rendered to one eligible Medicaid beneficiary on one date of service. In the instance of "cycle bills," as indicated in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule, more than one claim may appear on an invoice.

For more information about EAPG, please refer to the following resources:

- www.ODM.gov
- <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Resources/Publications/Guidance/BillingInstructions/HospitalBillingGuidelines-20170801.pdf>

For any further questions, please contact Health Partner Services at **1-800-488-0134**.

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