

Standby Services

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Disclaimer

Highmark Health Options medical policy is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding coverage for the services described. This policy does not constitute medical advice and is not intended to govern or otherwise influence medical decisions.

POLICY STATEMENT

Highmark Health Options may provide coverage under medical surgical benefits of the Company's Medicaid products for medically necessary standby services.

This policy is designed to address medical necessity guidelines that are appropriate for the majority of individuals with a particular disease, illness or condition. Each person's unique clinical circumstances warrant individual consideration, based upon review of applicable medical records.

The qualifications of the policy will meet the standards of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and all applicable state and federal regulations.

DEFINITIONS

Highmark Health Options (HHO) – Managed care organization serving vulnerable populations that have complex needs and qualify for Medicaid. Highmark Health Options members include individuals and families with low income, expecting mothers, children, and people with disabilities. Members pay nothing to very little for their health coverage. Highmark Health Options currently services Delaware Medicaid: Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP) and Diamond State Health Plan Plus members.

PROCEDURES

A prior authorization is not required.

Examples of standby services are:

- Standby anesthesia where the anesthesiologist is kept available in the event anesthesia services are needed during a procedure or treatment.
- Standby at percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) where the cardiac surgeon must be available if a complication develops requiring open heart surgery.

Standby services are not recognized as eligible for reimbursement because no direct patient care is actually rendered.

The services of a physician in actual attendance at delivery, (other than the physician performing the delivery) are different from standby services and should be reimbursed in accordance with Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin RP-023 Newborn Care, Obstetrical Delivery, Antepartum and Postpartum Care and Associated Services.

Post-payment Audit Statement

The medical record must include documentation that reflects the medical necessity criteria and is subject to audit by Highmark Health Options at any time pursuant to the terms of your provider agreement.

Place of Service: Inpatient

CODING REQUIREMENTS

CPT code	Description
99360	Standby service, requiring prolonged attendance, each 30 minutes (e.g., operative standby, standby for frozen section, for cesarean/high risk delivery, for monitoring EEG).

REIMBURSEMENT

Participating facilities will be reimbursed per their Highmark Health Options contract.

POLICY UPDATE HISTORY

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