

PROVIDER UPDATE

An Update for Highmark Delaware Health Options Providers and Clinicians

BILLING FOR HOME DELIVERED MEALS

The purpose of this information letter is to clarify the claim submission guidelines for Delaware Health Options Home Delivered Meal Benefit.

Standard Meal - One per Day

Procedure Code	Service	Modifier	Unit of Service
S5170	Home-Delivered Meals, Including Preparation: Per Meal	Leave modifier field blank (Frozen)	1 meal, per day maximum
OR			
S5170	Home-Delivered Meals, Including Preparation: Per Meal	-U1 (Fresh)	1 meal, per day maximum

Emergency Meal

Procedure Code	Service	Modifier	Unit of Service
S5170	Home-Delivered Meals, Including Preparation: Per Meal	Leave modifier field blank	Benefit limit based on length of emergency situation

Common Coding Scenarios

Meal Delivery Service is providing a standard meal:

- Report the service with the -U1 modifier to indicate a fresh meal.
- Leave modifier field blank when submitting a claim for a frozen meal.

Meal Delivery Service is providing an emergency meal:

- Leave modifier field blank when submitting a claim for an emergency meal.

Case Managers are required to get the standard meals and the emergency meals authorized.

The provider **MUST** bill the services on a day by day scenario. For example:

1. During April 2019, 15 meals are delivered for 4/1/19-4/15-19
 - a. Bill one line item for 4/1/19-4/15/19 with 15 units
2. During April 2019, 30 regular meals and 3 emergency meals are delivered:
 - a. Bill one line item for 4/1/19-4/30/19 with 30 units for the regular meal

- b. Bill one line item for 4/1/19-4/3/19 with 3 units for the emergency meal
3. During April 2019 the member is hospitalized from 4/6/19 through 4/10/19 and receives home delivery of meals for 25 days.
- a. Bill one line item for 4/1/19 -4/5/19 with 5 units
 - b. Bill a separate line item for 4/11/19-4/30/19 with 20 units

For additional information or questions please contact your Provider Account Liaison.