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Amerigroup Community Care of New Mexico, Inc. is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Amerivantage depends on contract renewal.

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Include NPI on surgical procedure UB04 bills



Per CMS, when submitting a claim for an individual Amerigroup Amerivantage (Medicare Advantage) member using a surgical procedure code in the range of 10021-69990 (excluding 10035, 10036, 15780-15783, 15786-15789,

15792, 15793, 20527, 20550-20553, 20555, 20612, 20615, 29581-29584, 36406, 36410, 36415, 36416, 44705, 47531, 47532, 50430, 50431, 59425, 59426, 59430, 62302-62305, 62320-62327, 62367-62370, 69209, 69210) or using revenue code 036X,* the operating provider's NPI number must be in box 77 on the facility *UB-04 (CMS-1450) Claim Form* for outpatient services. If the NPI is required and not included on the claim, it may be denied.

* Note: Revenue code 036X must be billed with a surgical procedure code.

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Requesting expedited organization determinations

Expedited organization determinations (per the *CMS Manual* — Chapter 13, Section 50) can be requested by a provider or enrollee when the provider or enrollee believes that waiting for a determination under the standard organization determination timeframe (14 days) could place the enrollee's life or health in jeopardy. Expedited organization determinations are valid only before the service is performed.

Per Section 50.3, if the health plan denies the request for expedited organization determination, the health plan will automatically apply the standard organization determination time frame with prompt oral notice to the enrolled for doing so. Additional information is available on the [CMS website](#).



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Home health services for Medicare Advantage members require prior authorization

Effective September 1, 2017, Amerigroup Community Care of New Mexico, Inc. requires prior authorization for home health services for Amerigroup Amerivantage (Medicare Advantage) including:

- Skilled nursing
- Home health aide
- Therapies (physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy)
- Medical social worker



Beginning August 21, 2017, prior authorizations for dates of service on or after September 1, 2017 can be obtained via fax, phone or the portal:

- Fax: 1-844-834-2908
- Phone: 1-844-411-9622
- Portal: <https://portal.mynexuscare.com>

A FAQ is available [online](#).

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Amerigroup Community Care of New Mexico, Inc. follows CMS guidelines for clinical trial-related claims

While most clinical trial related claims are paid by original Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans are responsible to pay for certain items and services associated with clinical trials designated by CMS. Per CMS guidelines, Amerigroup Amerivantage (Medicare Advantage) and Medicare-Medicaid Plans pay clinical trial related claims classified as coverage with evidence development (CED)/investigational device exemption (IDE) studies for Category B/data collections:

<p>Coverage with Evidence Development</p>	<p>In National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) requiring CED, original Medicare covers items and services in CMS-approved CED studies. Medicare Advantage Organizations are responsible for payment of items and services in CMS-approved CED studies. At this time there are 22 CEDs that CMS requires Medicare Advantage plans to process.</p>
<p>Investigational Device Exemption</p>	<p>Medicare Advantage Organizations are responsible for payment of routine care items and services in CMS-approved Category A and Category B IDE studies, however Medicare Advantage Organizations are only responsible for payment of the CMS-approved Category B devices. Institutional providers shall submit claims for the routine costs of a clinical trial involving a Category A IDE device billing to original Medicare since the Category A IDE device itself is considered experimental and, therefore is not eligible for payment. At this time there are 127 approved Category B IDEs that CMS requires Medicare Advantage plans to process.</p>
<p>Data Collection System</p>	<p>Patients enrolled in a CMS qualifying data collection system registry. Providers shall use modifier Q0 to identify patients whose data is submitted to a data collection system.</p>



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Reimbursement Policies

Policy Update

Multiple Delivery Services

(Policy 06-044, effective 03/01/2018)

Amerigroup Community Care of New Mexico, Inc. allows reimbursement for multiple births by a same-delivery or combined-delivery method. For vaginal or cesarean deliveries involved in multiple births and performed using a same-delivery or combined-delivery method, professional reimbursement is based on the following rules:



- **Vaginal Deliveries** — Vaginal deliveries involved in multiple births should be billed with Modifier 51. Multiple procedure guidelines will apply. Please see Multiple and Bilateral Surgery Reimbursement Policy for more information.
- **Cesarean Deliveries** — Cesarean deliveries involved in multiple births should be billed with Modifier 22. Multiple procedure guidelines will not apply. Please see Modifier 22 Reimbursement Policy for more information.

For market-specific information, refer to Multiple Delivery Services Reimbursement Policy at <https://providers.amerigroup.com> > Quick Tools > Reimbursement Policies > [Medicaid/Medicare](#).

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Policy Update

Modifier 62: Co-Surgeons

(Policy 06-027, effective 12/15/17)

Amerigroup Community Care of New Mexico, Inc. allows reimbursement of procedures eligible for co-surgeons when billed with Modifier 62. Each surgeon must bill the same procedure code(s) with Modifier 62. Reimbursement to each surgeon is based on 62.5 percent of the applicable fee schedule or contracted/negotiated rate. Co-surgeons must be from **different specialties** and performing surgical services during the same operative session.



For more information, please refer to Modifier 62: Co-Surgeons Reimbursement Policy at <https://providers.amerigroup.com> > Quick Tools > Reimbursement Policies > [Medicaid/Medicare](#).

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