

UPDATE: Podiatry services coverage in adults

Summary of change: The previously distributed podiatry services coverage update was missing two procedure codes which have now been added to the bulleted list below (G0245 and G0246).

If provider claims have been denied due to the billing of incorrect codes, providers may file corrected claims within 365 calendar days of the original claim explanation of payment date. Indicate 7 as the third digit of the type of bill on a *UB-04* or as a frequency code on a *CMS 1500*. Please also include the original claim number in the appropriate field on the claim.

Effective with dates of service on and after January 1, 2018, Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. is offering coverage of certain podiatry services for adults 21 years and older through the Value-Added Benefits program.

In order to receive the benefit, the member must be 21 years or older with a diagnosis of diabetic neuropathy and/or peripheral vascular disease. The physician must obtain prior authorization for the services.

Coverage will include four visits per rolling year. Each date of service is considered one visit. The following procedure codes are for foot exams. Add-on services are allowed and will be reimbursed at the children's Medicaid rate:

- G0245 Initial foot exam
- G0246 Follow-up foot care
- 11055 Trim skin lesion
- 11056 Two to four skin lesions
- 11057 More than four skin lesions
- 11719 Trim nails
- 11720 Debride nail one to five
- 11721 Debride nail six or more

What is the impact of this change?

For members 21 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic neuropathy and/or peripheral vascular disease, Amerigroup will reimburse the above codes as long as the physician has obtained prior authorization.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, received this fax in error or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

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