**Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin**

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Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is respective to how the provider is contracted with The Plan. Provider contractual agreements supersede Reimbursement Policy direction and regional applicability.

Portable X-ray services are radiology services that may be safely performed using portable equipment, (e.g., C-arm or swing arm).

Portable electrocardiogram/electrocardiograph (ECG) services are those services that may be safely performed using portable equipment.

**REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:**

The Plan does not make a distinction between a portable radiographic examination (i.e. radiographic examination performed with portable equipment) and conventional studies performed in a doctor's office or a hospital radiology department.

The allowance established for a radiograph or for the interpretation of a radiograph applies whether the examination is made by a portable machine, in an office, or in a radiology department. Claims for portable radiography are reimbursed under the appropriate procedure code for the specific radiographic procedure performed.

Charges for transportation and set up of ECG equipment and portable radiographic equipment and personnel to home or nursing home are not covered.

**Applicable codes:**  
Q0092  R0070  R0075  R0076

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This policy position applies to all commercial and/or Medicare Advantage lines of business as indicated above. Reimbursement policies are intended only to establish general guidelines for reimbursement under Highmark plans. Highmark retains the right to review and update its reimbursement policy guidelines at its sole discretion.