

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS **UPDATED DEC. 7, 2018** (ORIGINALLY ISSUED AUG. 29, 2018)

NEW REIMBURSEMENT POLICY DESIGNATES SERVICES THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SEPARATE REIMBURSEMENT

The effective date of Reimbursement Policy RP-041 has been changed from Dec. 1, 2018, to Dec. 17, 2018.

Highmark has identified certain procedure codes that will not be eligible for separate reimbursement, effective Dec. 17, 2018. Highmark's new reimbursement policy, Services Not Separately Reimbursed, will include the list of applicable procedure codes. The reimbursement policy will become effective on Dec. 17, 2018, and will apply to Highmark's Commercial products.

Highmark will apply the guidelines within the new reimbursement policy to claims processed on or after Dec. 17, 2018.

Highmark considers the services not eligible for separate reimbursement to be an inherent part of another service. Reimbursement for the services will be included in the global allowance for other services not specified. If the services listed in the reimbursement policy are submitted for separate reimbursement, they will be denied. The provider may not bill the member for the denied charge.

WEB LOCATION OF HIGHMARK'S REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES

You can review Highmark's Reimbursement Policy RP-041, Services Not Separately Reimbursed, on the Provider Resource Center.

Reimbursement policies are located on the Provider Resource Center as an option under **CLAIMS, PAYMENT & REIMBURSEMENT**. Select **Reimbursement Policy** to review Highmark's reimbursement policies. As new reimbursement policies are developed, they will be added to the **Reimbursement Policy** page.

