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JANUARY REIMBURSEMENT UPDATES

The following changes were/will be made to Highmark Reimbursement Policies (RP) during the month of January 2022. All changes took effect on January 1, 2022 regardless of date of publication.

Reimbursement Policy Name and Link	Description of Change	Date of Publication
RP-006: Multiple Endoscopy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure code 42975 was added to the endoscopy family group 10 with base code 31575. 	January 3, 2022
RP-007: Multiple Payment Reduction Certain Diagnostic Services	Added the following Procedure Codes to Appendix A and C: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A: Procedure codes 0689T and 0697T Appendix C: 0683T, 0684T, and 0685T 	January 3, 2022
RP-009: Modifiers 25, 59, XE, XP, XS, XU, FT	Added the following guidance for modifier FT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifier FT can be used in the same instances as modifier 25 Exceptions are outlined in each policy. 	January 3, 2022
RP-020: Preventive Medicine and Office/Outpatient E&M Services		January 10, 2022
RP-021: Annual Gynecological and Rectal Exams		
RP-027: Hemodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis		
RP-028: Insertion and Removal of Tympanic Ventilation Tubes		
RP-032: Pain Management		



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RP-058: Acupuncture Billed with an Evaluation Management		
RP-010: Incident To Billing	<p>Added the following guidance for modifier FR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifier FR can be used when the Supervising Practitioner was present through the use of a two-way, audio/video communication technology. 	January 3, 2022
RP-011: Procedure Codes N/A to Commercial Products	<p>Added the following procedure codes to this policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> G0028, G0029, G0048, G0049, G0051-G0067, G1024-G1028, G4001-G4038, G9988-G9999, M1072-M1089, and M1094-M1105 	January 3, 2022
RP-022: Repeat Surgical Procedures	Procedure code 33470 was removed	January 3, 2022
RP-025: Implantation of Subcutaneous Intravascular Catheter		
RP-034: Prolonged Detention or Critical Care	<p>Direction for modifiers FT and FS were added (see specifics above) and the following procedure codes were removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 93561 93562 	January 3, 2022
RP-042: Global Surgery and Subsequent Services	<p>Direction for modifier FT was added (see specifics above). Added the following procedure codes to the YYY 10-day post-op listing and YYY 90-day post-op listing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-day post-op listing: 0673T and 0699T 90-day post-op listing: 0671T, 0672T, 0674T, 0675T, 0677T, 0679T, 0680T, 0681T, 0682T, and 0686T 	January 3, 2022
RP-043: Care Management	Added new coding tables and the direction for codes 99424, 99425, 99426, 99427 and 99437. For information on the exact changes, review the policy using the link in the left column.	January 3, 2022
RP-046: Telemedicine and Telehealth Services	Added direction for modifiers FQ, FR, and 93 as well as for place of service 10. For information on the exact changes, review the policy using the link in the left column.	January 3, 2022 January 3, 2022

RP-053: Gene and Cellular Therapy	Procedure code C9081 was removed and procedure code Q2055 was added to the policy.	January 3, 2022
RP-065: Modifier Reduction Glossary	Added the following modifiers to the policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CO• CQ• FQ• FR• FS• FT• 93	January 3, 2022