

Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



HISTORY VERSION

Bulletin Number: RP-062
Subject: Durable Medical Equipment MUE Value
Effective Date: October 1, 2020 **End Date:**
Issue Date: June 12, 2023 **Revised Date:** June 2023
Date Reviewed: May 2023
Source: Reimbursement Policy

Applicable Commercial Market	PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Applicable Medicare Advantage Market	PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Applicable Claim Type	UB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1500	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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PURPOSE:

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REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The Plan has established MUE values that generally align with CMS MUEs, which are the highest number of units eligible for reimbursement of services on a single date of service. This guideline applies whether a physician or other health care professional submits one CPT or HCPCS code with multiple units on a single claim line or multiple claim lines with one or more unit(s) on each line, under the same claim or different claim numbers. It is common coding practice for some CPT and HCPCS codes to be submitted with multiple units. MUE Service Cap logic is only applicable to procedure codes that are designated as eligible more than once per date of service. DME MUE values will be applied to ancillary providers, and the Practitioner values will be applied to physician claims.

Note: MUE values are evaluated and/or updated quarterly to reflect new, changed, and deleted codes. Any mid quarter CMS updates will be considered on a case-by-case basis for the implementation effective date.

RELATED POLICIES:

Refer to the following Reimbursement Policies for additional information:

- RP-035: Correct Coding Guidelines

REFERENCES:

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POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

10 / 2020	Implementation
11 / 2021	Added NY region applicable to the policy
1 / 2022	Added Delaware Medicare Advantage applicable to the policy
6 / 2023	Administrative policy review with no changes in policy direction

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ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMATION, REFERENCES, AND GUIDELINES:

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