

Procedure 1224- Robotic Assisted Surgery

Lines of Business: All

Purpose: This guideline describes reimbursement for physician claims submitted with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) service on image-less computer-assisted surgical navigational procedure for musculoskeletal procedures and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) service on surgical techniques requiring use of robotic surgical system. For the purpose of this guideline, Network Health considers the same individual physician or other health care professional to be the same individual rendering health care services reporting the same federal tax identification number.

Procedure: Network Health does not provide additional reimbursement based on the type of instruments, technique, or approach used in a procedure. When a surgical procedure is performed which requires the use of a robotic surgical system, reimbursement will be considered as part of the primary surgical procedure and not a separately reimbursable service. Network Health considers the image-less computer-assisted surgical navigational procedure for musculoskeletal procedures experimental, therefore a direct exclusion and not eligible for reimbursement.

The increased procedural service modifier appended to the primary surgical procedure is not appropriate if used exclusively for the purpose of reporting the use of robotic assistance. The increased procedural service modifier should only be used when the work required to provide a service is substantially greater than typically required. In addition, documentation must substantiate the additional work, including the reason for the additional work. Refer to Network Health's Procedure 1215- Increased Procedural Service Reimbursement for more information.

This policy is not a guarantee of coverage or payment. The claim(s) will be denied if it does not meet with all the terms and provisions of the members Certificate of Coverage. Actual benefits will be determined when the claim(s) or bill(s) are submitted to NHP/NHIC/NHAS. NHP/NHIC/NHAS reserves the right to periodically review and update all claim guidelines.

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