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ADVISORY NOTICE

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2024 Medical Service Provider Manual Updates

In 2024, CMS priced a new procedure code, CPT 27278, and included the cost of the implant in the non-facility RVU. In response, Fair Health has issued the following clarification when billing for CPT 27278.

Clarification - Billing for CPT 27278

When the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed the Non-facility professional rate for CPT 27278, *Arthrodesis, sacroiliac joint, percutaneous, with image guidance, including placement of intra-articular implant(s) (e.g., bone allograft[s], synthetic device[s]), without placement of transfixation device*, the cost of the implant used in conjunction with this procedure was included in the Medicare fee. Because the maximum allowable payment (MAP) amounts in the South Carolina Medical Provider Services Manual are based on Medicare rates, the Non-facility MAP for CPT 27278 also includes the cost of the implant. Accordingly, when billing or reimbursing for this procedure code when it is provided in an office, freestanding radiology center or other Non-facility setting, the implant should *not* be paid separately. Reimbursement for the implant used in this procedure is already included in the Non-facility MAP for CPT 27278.

This clarification may also be found on the South Carolina Workers Compensation Commission website: <https://wcc.sc.gov/medical-fee-schedules>.

For questions regarding ordering of the Medical Services Provider Manual, please contact FAIR Health Client Services at service@fairhealth.org. All other questions should be directed to the Medical Services Division of the South Carolina Workers Compensation Commission.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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