

PROVIDER BULLETIN
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TO: Participating hospitals

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SUBJECT: Changes to the *Outpatient Implantable Device List* and billing procedures for implantable devices

Independence Blue Cross is sending this bulletin for two purposes: (1) to notify you of changes to the *Outpatient Implantable Device List* effective for dates of service on or after May 15, 2015, and (2) to communicate the appropriate billing procedures for implantable devices.

Updates to the Outpatient Implantable Device List

Outpatient surgery reimbursement represents an all-inclusive payment for all facility covered services provided during and related to the surgical procedure. The all-inclusive payment includes services/items provided in conjunction with surgical procedures but excludes certain implantable devices. These select approved implantable devices are listed on the attached *Outpatient Implantable Device List* and have been reviewed and updated as a result of quarterly code updates.

How to bill for implantable devices

Providers should continue to follow the same requirements for reporting implants eligible for separate reimbursement. The surgical claim should be submitted electronically through standard channels. The implant should be reported using revenue code 0275 or 0278, as appropriate. Charges must also be assigned to implants.

These devices will be reimbursed separately at the provider's cost, as documented on the manufacturer's invoice (shipping and sales tax excluded). The implant revenue code and charges must be billed on the initial claim submission. They will not be added when the request for implant reimbursement is submitted.

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After the base claim is paid, please submit the following documentation via fax to Facility Payment at 215-238-7088:

- operative report
- implant record
- implant manufacturer's invoice (not purchase order)

If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact your Network Coordinator.

To view the *Outpatient Implantable Device List*,
please contact your Network Coordinator.