



041219 NEWS BLAST

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS

Holiday Schedule:

Please be advised that MEDDATA/MEDTRON will be:
Closed Friday, April 19, 2019 in observance of Good Friday

Statement Schedule:

No statements will be mailed on Friday, April 19, 2019

The deadline for submitting electronic statements to MEDTRON:
Statements received after 3 PM on Thursday, April 18, 2019
will be mailed on Monday, April 22, 2019

Holiday Reminder to Bill Add-On Code 99051 with your E&M visits to receive an extra \$13.38 per encounter if you intend to see patients on April 19, 2019 Good Friday!

NOTE: LA Traditional Medicaid will ONLY reimburse for LA State Holidays

LA Medicaid still reimburses providers for select adjunct add-on services, i.e., 99051 (Services ...**at regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday hours**...), as outlined by the *Current Procedural Terminology* manual under "Special Services, Procedures and Reports" using the following guidelines:

- The intent of this policy is to facilitate recipient access to services during non-typical hours primarily to reduce the inappropriate use of the hospital emergency department. The reimbursement provided by use of the adjunct codes is intended to assist with covering the additional administrative costs associated with staffing during these times. The intent is to motivate providers to alter their existing business hours for the purpose of maximizing reimbursement.
- These adjunct codes are reimbursed in addition to the reimbursement for outpatient evaluation and management (E&M) services when the services are rendered in settings other than hospital emergency departments on Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. through 8 a.m., on weekends from 12 a.m. Saturday through midnight Sunday, and on State/Governor proclaimed legal holidays from 12 a.m. through midnight. Refer to the *Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Fee Schedule* on the Medicaid website for reimbursement information relative to these codes. Providers are instructed to bill usual and customary charges.

Payments to all providers are subject to post payment review and recovery of overpayments.

(CPT 2019 Professional)

CPT code section	
99050	Services provided in the office at times other than regularly scheduled office hours, or days when the office is normally closed (eg, holidays, Saturday or Sunday), in addition to basic service
99051	Service(s) provided in the office during regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday office hours, in addition to basic service
99053	Service(s) provided between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM at 24-hour facility, in addition to basic service
99056	Service(s) typically provided in the office, provided out of the office at request of patient, in addition to basic service
99058	Service(s) provided on an emergency basis in the office, which disrupts other scheduled office services, in addition to basic service
99060	Service(s) provided on an emergency basis, out of the office, which disrupts other scheduled office services, in addition to basic service

NOTE: Our records indicate that in addition to LA Medicaid (Traditional) and all the LA Managed Care Organizations; (MCO-BHP) *formerly Bayou Health Plans (BHPs)*; Aetna, Allied Benefits, Gilsbar, will pay for CPT: 99051.

Healthy Blue, formerly Amerigroup, will only reimburse when associated E&M is billed with modifier 25 or if modifier 59 is affixed to CPT: 99051.

NOTE: Some carriers will not pay CPT: 99051 if a procedure is performed on the same date, i.e., bundled.

The following carriers do not reimburse CPT: 99051:

Blue Cross ([Professional Provider Office Manual – December 2016](#)- *verified November 2018*)

Blue Cross policy for after hours CPT codes

After hours Physicians' CPT codes are reimbursed as follows:

- 99050 pays separately when billed with one of the following E&M codes: 99201 - 99215
- 99056 and 99058 pay separately when billed with one of the following E&M codes: 99241 - 99245

After hours CPT codes are only reimbursed separately when submitted with the E&M codes listed above. The provider's documentation should support the need for these services.

CPT codes 99051, 99053 and 99060 are not reimbursed separately.

NOTE: BCBS published that these codes are not payable. However, BCBS of LA intermittently pays and BCBS OGS consistently pays. Their Clear Claim Connection tool supports payment if associated E&M is billed with modifier 25 and/or if modifier 59 is affixed to CPT: 99051 when billed with the modified E&M.

Cigna ([Cigna Reimbursement Policy 2017](#), *verified October 2018*)

<p>Cigna is aligned with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for after-hours services represented by CPT[®] codes 99051–99056 and 99060 which are assigned a status of "B". CMS assigns a status of "B" (Bundled Code) to the denied procedure, which is defined, "Payment for covered services are always bundled into payment for other services not specified. There will be no RVUs or payment amount for these codes and no separate payment is made. When these services are covered, payment for them is subsumed by the payment for the services to which they are incident. A Modifier will not over-ride the edit".</p> <p>However, Cigna supports physicians' efforts to treat patients in the office setting (Place of Service 11) rather than refer them to emergent or urgent care when the service either disrupts regularly</p>	<p>scheduled office hours or occurs outside of regularly scheduled office hours.</p> <p>Accordingly, separate reimbursement is allowed for after-hours CPT[®] code 99050 when billed with one of the Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes from the following list and the E/M code is eligible for payment: 99201-99205, 99212-99215, 99241-99245, and 99354-99355.</p> <p>In addition, separate reimbursement is allowed for after-hours code 99058 when billed with one of the E/M codes from the following list and the E/M code is eligible for payment: 99201-99205 and 99212-99215.</p> <p>Please note: Separate reimbursement for after-hours codes 99050 and 99058 is allowed on claims where only those codes and the appropriate E/M code (see list above) are billed. Adding additional codes to the claim may alter the payment for the after-hours code.</p>
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NOTE: Although Cigna excerpt above states that CPT: 99051 is not reimbursable, the Clear Claim Connection tool allows for CPT: 99051 when modifier 25 is affixed to the associated E&M.

Humana ([Claims Payment Policy, After-Hours Charges June 2016](#)– *verified October 2018*)

Definitions of *Italicized Terms*

- **CPT code 99050:** Services provided in the office at times other than regularly scheduled office hours, or days when the office is normally closed (e.g., holidays, Saturday or Sunday), in addition to basic service.
- **CPT code 99051:** Services provided in the office during regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday office hours, in addition to basic service.
- **CPT code 99053:** Services provided between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM at 24-hour facility, in addition to basic service.
- **CPT code 99056:** Services typically provided in the office, provided out of the office at request of patient, in addition to basic service.
- **CPT code 99058:** Services provided on an emergency basis in the office, which disrupts other scheduled office services, in addition to basic service.
- **CPT code 99060:** Services provided on an emergency basis, out of the office, which disrupts other scheduled office services, in addition to basic service.

United Healthcare ([After Hours and Weekend Care Policy October 5, 2018](#) -verified November 2018)

Policy
Overview
After hours or weekend care (CPT®) codes represent services provided, when an individual physician or other health care professional is required to render the services outside of regular posted office hours to treat a patient's urgent illness or condition. This policy outlines when after hours or weekend care codes are considered for separate reimbursement.
CPT Codes 99050 and 99051 Although CMS considers CPT codes 99050 and 99051 to be bundled into the payment for other services provided on the same day, UnitedHealthcare will provide additional compensation to participating primary care providers for seeing patients in situations that would otherwise require more costly urgent care or emergency room settings by reimbursing CPT code 99050 in addition to basic services and CPT code 99051 in addition to acute care services (not preventive medicine codes).
UnitedHealthcare will reimburse after hours CPT codes 99050 and 99051 to participating primary care providers when reported in one of the following CMS non-facility place of service (POS) designations only:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School (CMS POS 03) • Indian Health Service Free-standing Facility (CMS POS 5) • Tribal 638 Free-Standing Facility (CMS POS 7) • Office (CMS POS 11) • Independent Clinic (CMS POS 49) • Federally Qualified Health Center (CMS POS 50) • State or Local Public Health Clinic (CMS POS 71) • Rural Health Clinic (CMS POS 72)
UnitedHealthcare will reimburse the following participating primary care providers for CPT codes 99050 and 99051:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adolescent Medicine, Pediatric-Adolescent, Pediatrics • Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner • Family Practice • General Practice • Geriatric Medicine • Gynecology, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Obstetrics • Internal Medicine • Certified Nurse Midwife

Questions and Answers
<p>Q: Why doesn't UnitedHealthcare provide reimbursement for CPT codes 99053, 99056, 99058 or 99060?</p> <p>A: The After Hours and Weekend Care policy is intended to reimburse participating primary care providers for services that are outside their regular posted business hours as an alternative to more costly emergency room or urgent care center services. Reimbursement for CPT codes 99053, 99056, 99058 or 99060 would not accomplish this purpose and are not reimbursed by CMS.</p>
<p>Q: When will UnitedHealthcare provide reimbursement for CPT code 99050?</p> <p>A: UnitedHealthcare will provide reimbursement for CPT code 99050 during times other than regularly scheduled office hours, or days when the office is normally closed (eg, holidays, Saturday or Sunday), in addition to basic service.</p>
<p>Q: When will UnitedHealthcare provide reimbursement for CPT code 99051?</p> <p>A: UnitedHealthcare will provide reimbursement for CPT code 99051 during regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday office hours, in addition to acute care services (not preventive medicine services).</p>

Codes	
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99053	Service(s) provided between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM at 24-hour facility, in addition to basic service

United Healthcare Community Plan ([After Hours and Weekend Care Policy October 23, 2018](#) – verified November 2018)

CPT Codes 99050 and 99051 UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will reimburse after hours CPT code 99050 when reported with basic services and CPT code 99051 in addition to acute care services (not preventive medicine codes) in one of the following CMS non-facility place of service (POS) designations only:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School (CMS POS 03) • Indian Health Service Free-standing Facility (CMS POS 5) • Tribal 638 Free-Standing Facility (CMS POS 7) • Office (CMS POS 11) • Independent Clinic (CMS POS 49) • Federally Qualified Health Center (CMS POS 50) • State or Local Public Health Clinic (CMS POS 71) • Rural Health Clinic (CMS POS 72) 				
CPT Codes 99053, 99056, 99058 or 99060 Consistent with CMS and with the intent of this policy, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will not separately reimburse CPT codes 99053, 99056, 99058 or 99060.				
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<p>Q: When will UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provide reimbursement for CPT code 99050?</p> <p>A: UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will provide reimbursement for CPT code 99050 during times other than regularly scheduled office hours, or days when the office is normally closed (eg, holidays, Saturday or Sunday), in addition to basic service.</p>
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