

Government Business Policy and Procedures Critical Care to Home — New Jersey

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Policy:

The health plan does not allow reimbursement of outpatient claims billed for Critical Care services performed in an emergency room when the member is discharged (01) home unless provider, state, federal, CMS contracts and/or requirements indicate otherwise.

Critical Care services are defined by AMA CPT® guidelines as a service performed by a physician(s) and/or other qualified healthcare professional for a critically ill/injured patient in which there is acute impairment of one or more vital organ systems, such that there is a probability of imminent or life-threatening deterioration of the patient's condition.

The health plan considers critical care non-reimbursable when provided in the emergency room, and the member is then discharged home, because continued monitoring is no longer furnished and the services no longer meet the definition of Critical Care under AMA CPT guidelines.

Critical Care is considered non-reimbursable when:

- CPT codes 99291 and 99292 are billed with revenue code 045X on the same line, with discharge status of home (01)
 - Note: If a member requires trauma or observation services, Critical Care will be considered reimbursable.

Related coding:

Code	Description	Comments
99291	Critical care evaluation and management of the critically ill or critically injured patient; first 30-74 minutes	Non-reimbursable when billed with emergency room E/M code and revenue code (045X) and discharge status of home (01)

Code	Description	Comments
99292	Critical care evaluation and management of the critically ill or critically injured patient; each additional 30 minutes (list separately in addition to code for primary service)	Non-reimbursable when billed with emergency room E/M code and revenue code (045X) and discharge status of home (01)

Exclude pediatric members (ages 0–21) with asthma diagnoses.

Definitions:

General Reimbursement Policy Definitions

Procedure:

None

References:

This policy has been developed through consideration of the following:

- CMS
- Optum EncoderPro 2025
- State contracts