

Miscellaneous Surgical Supplies – A4649

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Disclaimer:

1. Policies are subject to change in accordance with State and Federal notice requirements.
2. Policies outline coverage determinations for U of U Health Plans Commercial, CHIP and Healthy U (Medicaid) plans. Refer to the “Policy” section for more information.
3. Services requiring prior-authorization may not be covered, if prior-authorization is not obtained.
4. **This Medical Policy does not guarantee coverage or payment of the service. The service must be a benefit in the member’s plan and the member must be eligible for coverage at the time of service. Additional payment guidelines may be applied that are not included in this policy.**
5. Provisions and terms of the provider contract may supersede this policy.

Description:

When performing surgical services various supplies are often used. These supplies may have specific HCPCS codes and coverage of these is dependent on their claim payment set up.

HCPCS code A4649 represents the code used for surgical supplies which do not have a more applicable HCPCS code.

Policy Statement and Criteria

1. Commercial Plans/CHIP

U of U Health Plans considers the miscellaneous surgical supply code A4649 to be a bundled code into the service performed and will deny the line when it is not designated to be billed separately through the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) guidelines.

2. Medicaid Plans

Coverage is determined by the State of Utah Medicaid program; if Utah State Medicaid has no published coverage position and InterQual criteria are not available, the U of U Health Plans Commercial criteria will apply. For the most up-to-date Medicaid policies

and coverage, please visit their website at: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/utah-medicaid-official-publications/> or the [Utah Medicaid code Look-Up tool](#)

CPT/HCPCS codes covered by Utah State Medicaid may still require further evaluation to determine medical necessity for coverage.

Clinical Rationale

In general, surgical dressings are considered incident to the professional services of the health care practitioner and are not separately payable. They are considered part of the practice expense incorporated into the RVU established for the CPT code billed for the surgical service. This is also considered part of the practice expense when billed by an ambulatory surgical center.

Applicable Coding

CPT Codes

No applicable codes

HCPCS Codes

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References:

1. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 4 – Part B Hospital.
2. Noridian Healthcare Solutions®, LLC. Medicare. "Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)". Accessed: April 1, 2024. Available at: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jea/provider-types/opps>

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