

Billing Requirements for Outpatient Revenue Codes

Outpatient Revenue Codes¹

Outpatient UB-04 claims must be billed with both a revenue code and a CPT or HCPCS code.² A revenue code must be assigned (Form Locator [FL] 42) on the paper UB-04 or loop 2400, SV2 segment with appropriate revenue code in SV201 of the electronic 837I for each line item. If multiple CPT or HCPCS are necessary to reflect multiple, distinct, or independent visits with the same revenue code, repeat the revenue code as required.

Facilities should report valid and appropriate CPT or HCPCS codes with all revenue code, as specified in the Uniform Billing Editor (UBE).

Absence of a CPT or HCPCS code for any revenue code not listed on this policy may affect claim payment or result in a claim denial. As of dates of service beginning August 1, 2020 a claim line may deny when the revenue codes and CPT/HCPCS code do not match.

When required, CPT and HCPCS codes are assigned in FL 44 on the paper UB-04 or loop 2400, SV2 segment with the appropriate code in SV202-2.

Harvard Pilgrim accepts the following revenue codes without a CPT or HCPCS code:

Revenue code	Description
0250–0259 ³	Pharmacy
0270–0273, 0275–0279	M&S supplies and device
0370–0379	Anesthesia
0551-0552, 0559	Visits Skilled Nursing
0620–0622	Supplies
0710, 0719	Recovery room

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²Coding requirements may vary based on contractual agreement. Please refer to your contract for information regarding specific coding requirements.

³Certain classes of drugs that require detailed coding such as chemotherapy drugs, oral anti-emetic drugs, immunosuppressive drugs, hemophilia clotting factors, epoetin alfa, and darbepoetin alfa must be billed with revenue codes 0634, 0635 or 0636 and detailed CPT or HCPCS coding. This billing requirement is consistent with UB04 editor guidelines. Revenue code 0250—pharmacy is not appropriate for billing these categories of drugs. Billing patterns for these services will continue to be monitored, and may be subject to audits for incorrect coding as necessary (e.g., chemotherapy drugs billed under revenue code 0250—pharmacy).