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Robot Assisted Surgery

PURPOSE:

This policy is designed to serve as guidelines for reimbursement on robot assisted surgery and micro-surgical techniques.

PROCEDURE DESCRIPTION:

Robotic surgical systems and micro surgical techniques describes computer-aided tools utilized during specific surgical procedures.

PROCEDURE:

1. The use of HCPCS codes for robotic surgical systems (S2990) or micro-surgical techniques (69990) are required to be listed in addition to the code for the primary surgical procedure. The Health Plan considers both S2990 and 69990 not separately reimbursable as they are considered integral to the primary surgical procedure.
2. The Health Plan considers the use of Modifier 22 (increased procedural services) inappropriate when used exclusively for the purpose of reporting the use of robotic assistance.

CODING:

HCPCS Code	Description
S2900	Surgical techniques requiring use of robotic surgical system (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
69990	Micro-surgical techniques, requiring use of operating microscope (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Post-payment Review:

The claim and record must include documentation that reflects the criteria of this policy, and is subject to audit by THP at any time pursuant to the terms of your provider agreement.

REFERENCES:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); HCPCS Release and Code sets. <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update> Accessed July 28, 2022.

POLICY HISTORY:

Date	Description
8/9/2022	This policy was transitioned from a THP Transplant and New Technology (T&T) policy. In transitioning it to a medical policy, edits were made to the formatting. References and a coding section were also added. The previous version of this policy is available upon request.
6/28/2023	Annual Review: Added criteria regarding Modifier 22. Corrected typos.

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