

Commercial Reimbursement Policy	
Subject: Diagnostic Radiopharmaceuticals and Contrast Materials - Professional and Facility	
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Policy

The health plan does not allow separate reimbursement for diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals and contrast materials and/or media in a facility setting, unless provider, state, federal contract and/or requirements indicate otherwise. This policy applies to both inpatient and outpatient facility settings.

Facility:

Diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals, and the contrast materials and/or media, are an integral component to the diagnostic service. These services will not be reimbursed separately to the facility.

Note: Therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals do not apply to the above facility language and are allowed for separate reimbursement

Professional:

The health plan does not allow separate reimbursement for radiopharmaceutical and contrast materials by professional providers when reported in a facility place of service.

Related Coding
Standard correct coding applies.

Exemptions	
Maryland	Wellpoint of Maryland does not apply to facility providers.

Definitions	
Contrast materials	Dyes or other substances that temporarily change the way x-rays or other imaging tools interact with the body.
Diagnostic Radiopharmaceuticals	Radioactive agents that are administered in small doses to diagnose certain medical problems or diseases.

Therapeutic Radiopharmaceuticals	Radioactive agents that are administered in large doses to treat certain medical problems or diseases.
General Reimbursement Policy Definitions	

Related Policies and Materials
Outpatient Facility Revenue Code Billing Requirements - Facility
Place of Service - Professional

References and Research Materials
This policy has been developed through consideration of the following: • CMS • Optum EncoderPro 2024

Policy History	
01/01/2026	Entered Washington
01/22/2025	Initial approval 01/22/2025 and effective as follows: • Effective 08/01/2025 for Maryland removed professional language from Place of Service - Professional (C-09001) • Effective 10/01/2025 for Florida and Texas

Disclaimer

These reimbursement policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claims submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement if the service is covered by a member's benefit plan. The determination that a service, procedure, or item is covered under a member's benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must also meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis, as well as to the member's state of residence.

Ensure that you use proper billing and submission guidelines, including industry-standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes, and/or revenue codes. These codes denote the services and/or procedures performed and, when billed, must be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our reimbursement policies apply to both participating and non-participating professional providers and facilities.

If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current reimbursement policies are not followed, we may:

- Reject or deny the claim.
- Recover and/or recoup claim payment.

These reimbursement policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal, or Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracts and/or requirements. We strive to minimize delays in policy implementation. If there is a delay, we reserve the right to recoup and/or recover claims payment to the effective date, in accordance with the policy. We reserve the right to review and revise these policies when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to the website.

Use of Reimbursement Policy

This policy is subject to federal and state laws, to the extent applicable, as well as the terms, conditions, and limitations of a member's benefits on the date of service. Reimbursement Policy is constantly evolving and we reserve the right to review and update these policies periodically.

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