



Important Notice Regarding In- Office Lab Testing and Dental Surgery Coding

Lab Testing in Physician's Office

Effective Immediately

Thank you for your partnership with Home State Health Plan. We appreciate your help in achieving our shared goal of delivering quality, accessible, and affordable healthcare to our members.

On December 1, 2017 Home State Health implemented policy CC.PP.055, Physician's Office Lab Testing. This is being applied as a medical claim reimbursement edit within our claims adjudication system. Notice of this policy implementation was sent on October 1, 2017.

After evaluating feedback from our provider partners, Home State Health has determined that **CPT codes 87502 (flu) and 87651 (strep) will be added to the short turnaround time (STAT) labs that may be performed in a physician's office (location 11)**. Home State will reprocess any denied claims for these codes for dates of service back to December 1, 2017, the effective date of the policy. Please allow 60 days for claims reprocessing.

Our current payment policies, including this policy, are located on our public website at www.homestatehealth.com.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your Provider Partnership Associate with any questions you may have.

Dental Surgery Code Change

Effective May 1, 2018

On July 1, 2017, Home State Health began requiring facilities to submit **CPT Code D7999** (unspecified oral surgery procedure) in place of **CPT Code 41899** (Unlisted procedure, dentoalveolar structures).



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Provider Relations



Effective May 1, 2018, in accordance with MO HealthNet's billing guidelines, Home State Health will require the following guidelines when submitting claims for dental surgeries:

Dentists: Must bill with appropriate dental code.

Ambulatory Surgery Centers: Bill with **CPT Code D9999** (unspecified oral surgery procedure) for the facility fees associated with dental surgeries.

Hospitals: **Cannot bill with CPT Code D9999** or any dental code. Nor can hospitals submit claims with **CPT Code 41899**. Hospitals must submit with the appropriate **non-dental CPT code** for the procedure being provided.

All claims submitted with CPT D7999 on or after May 1, 2018 will be denied. Claims submitted with CPT code 41899 will continue to deny.

Prior authorization and medical necessity are required.

➤ **Secure Portal Registration:** If you haven't already do so, please go to www.HomeStateHealth.com to register for our Secure Portal. Functions on the portal include: Verification of eligibility, submission of claims, entering authorizations, viewing patient care gaps, etc. Use of the portal is FREE for all services!

➤ **Electronic Funds Transfer / Electronic Remittance Advice**

- Home State Health Plan partners with PaySpan Health for EFT/ERA services.
- Please register with PaySpan Health at www.payspanhealth.com

Questions?

Contact Provider Relations at 1-855-694-4663.