



Network Notification

Date: March 23, 2018
To: Kentucky Medicaid health care providers
From: Humana – CareSource®
Subject: PY-0251 Debridement Services Reimbursement Policy
Effective date: June 1, 2018

Effective June 1, 2018, Humana – CareSource is introducing a new debridement services reimbursement policy for Kentucky Medicaid.

SUMMARY:

The debridement services reimbursement policy outlines how Humana – CareSource reimburses participating providers for medically necessary debridement services. The policy is based on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Local Coverage Determination (LCD) L34032. This reimbursement policy is designed to assist providers when submitting claims to Humana – CareSource.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Humana – CareSource does not require prior authorization for medically necessary debridement services. However, Humana – CareSource may request documentation to support medical necessity.
- Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 11000 and 11001 describe removal of extensive eczematous or infected skin.
- CPT codes 11042 to 11047 should be used for debridement of relatively localized areas, depending upon the involvement of contiguous underlying structures.
- Debridement for osteomyelitis is covered for chronic osteomyelitis and osteomyelitis associated with an open wound.
- Debridement of diabetic foot ulcers more frequently than once every seven days, for longer than three consecutive calendar months, is not indicative of an effective plan of treatment.
- Limitations of coverage are outlined in this policy and include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Debridement services are not covered in the absence of necrotic, devitalized, fibrotic or other tissue or foreign matter present that would interfere with the normal wound healing process and must be documented in the medical record.
 - Anesthesia services are not separately reimbursable for these services.

You may refer to the specific policy for more information on policy criteria and rationale, any applicable CPT and International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD-10) codes and conditions of coverage.

NEXT STEPS:

The full policy is effective on June 1, 2018, and is available on the [CareSource.com Health Partner Policies](#) web page. To access the policy, navigate to the “Reimbursement Policies” section of the page, click on the appropriate plan name and state, then reference the debridement services reimbursement policy. You also may access the policy directly at [PY-0251 Debridement Services Reimbursement Policy](#).

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