

Network Notification

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To: Ohio and Michigan Providers

From: CareSource

Subject: Blood Specimen Collection Reimbursement Policy

CareSource reimburses providers for the collection of a blood specimen by venipuncture (CPT code 36415) or capillary, e.g. finger stick (CPT code 36416) when not billed in conjunction with a lab code that requires blood for analysis.

If the collection code is billed in conjunction with a lab code that requires blood for analysis, the collection code is bundled with the lab reimbursement.

CPT Codes Affected: 36415, 36416

For Example:

Code 81020 – Urinalysis Paid fee schedule Code 36416 – Venipuncture Paid fee schedule

Code 85025 – CBC Paid fee schedule

Code 36415 – Venipuncture Denied as unbundled procedure

This policy is effective November 30, 2009.