



Network Notification

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To: Ohio and Michigan Providers

From: CareSource

Subject: CareSource MUE Lab Code Policy

CPT Codes Involved: All CPT Lab 80000 Series

Purpose of a Medical Unlikely Edit (MUE)

A Medical Unlikely Edit (MUE) is a unit of service claim edit applied to medical claims against a procedure code for medical services rendered by the same Provider to the same patient on the same day.

Claim edits compare different values on a medical claim to a set of defined criteria to check for irregularities, often in an automated claims processing system. MUEs are designed to limit fraud and/or coding errors by setting a limit the Provider can submit on a claim. Past the MUE limit, clinical documentation is required to support the additional units billed on the claim.

Lab 80000 Series Requirements

Unless already established, CareSource will follow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/Correct Coding Initiative policy on MUEs for CPT lab codes. For a CPT lab code that does not have any established MUEs, CareSource's Coding and Medical staff will assign the MUEs for a particular code.

When using a different stain on the same specimen during pathology testing, CareSource will allow more than one unit of the lab (e.g., code 88360 or 88342).

All units billed above the set MUE level will require clinical documentation to support the additional billing.