

SUBJECT: PRIVATE ROOMS

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CATEGORY: Contract Clarification

- *If the member's subscriber contract excludes coverage for a specific service it is not covered under that contract. In such cases, medical policy criteria are not applied.*
- *Medical policies apply to commercial and Medicaid products only when a contract benefit for the specific service exists.*
- *Medical policies only apply to Medicare products when a contract benefit exists and where there are no National or Local Medicare coverage decisions for the specific service.*

POLICY STATEMENT:

- I. Private rooms are generally excluded from coverage by Health Plan contracts.
- II. A Health Plan Medical Director will review the physician's order and the patient's clinical record for a private room and may determine a private room is **medically necessary** based upon, but not limited to, the following indications:
 - A. Patients with a contagious disease in which isolation is indicated to prevent its spread;
 - B. Immunocompromised patients where the risk of infection would be serious;
 - C. Patients with radiation implants;
 - D. Severe burn patients in the absence of an available bed in a burn unit;
 - E. Extreme psychological conditions in which the patient is a danger to self and/or others and requires one-on-one care by a staff member or seclusion; or
 - F. Patients with severe eclampsia.

DESCRIPTION:

A private room is a hospital room that is occupied by a single patient. It is not designed for semi-private use and is billed by the hospital as a "private room".

CODES: Number Description

Eligibility for reimbursement is based upon the benefits set forth in the member's subscriber contract.

CODES MAY NOT BE COVERED UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE READ THE POLICY AND GUIDELINES STATEMENTS CAREFULLY.

Codes may not be all inclusive as the AMA and CMS code updates may occur more frequently than policy updates.

CPT: No specific code(s)

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HCPCS: No specific code(s)

ICD9: Several

ICD10: Several

CMS COVERAGE FOR MEDICARE PRODUCT MEMBERS

There is currently no National Coverage Determination (NCD) or Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for private rooms. However, Bed and Board is addressed in the chapter on Inpatient Hospital Services Covered Under Part A, Section 10.1, in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual. Please refer to the following website for Medicare members:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/Downloads/bp102c01.pdf>.