

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Central Region Clinical Claim Edit

Subject: Non-coronary Vessel Angioplasties with Non-coronary Vessel Stent Placements	
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Description

CODE	RULE	CODE
35450 35452 35454 35456 35458 35459 35460	Separate Reimbursement	37207

Rationale

Anthem Central Region does not bundle 35450-35460 with 37207. Based on the National Correct Coding Guide, codes 35450, 35452, 35454, 35456, 35458, 35459 or 35460 are not listed as component codes to code 37207. Therefore, if 35450-35460 is submitted with 37207--both the angioplasty (35450-35460) and the stent placement (37207) reimburses separately.

References

1. Ingenix, Inc., Surgery: Cardiovascular Section. National Correct Coding Guide (8.2). Respiratory-31.

CLAIM EDIT HISTORY

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Description

CODE	RULE	CODE
35450 35452 35454 35456 35458 35459 35460	Incidental	37207

Rationale

Anthem Central Region bundles 35450, 35452, 35454, 35456, 35458, 35459 and 35460 as incidental with 37207. Based on the Practical Reporting of Cardiovascular Services and Procedures Manual;

"Angioplasty that is performed before, or as part of atherectomy or stenting of the same vessel is not separately coded. Only the more complex procedures (atherectomy or stenting) is coded."

Therefore, if 35450, 35452, 35454, 35456, 35458, 35459 or 35460 is submitted with 37207--only 37207 reimburses. If on appeal, it is determined that a transluminal percutaneous angioplasty was performed at a different session as a stent is placed, on the same date of service --then both the angioplasty and the stent placement may reimburse separately. If on appeal, it is determined that an angioplasty was performed on one vessel and a stent was placed in a different vessel--then both the angioplasty and the stent placement may reimburse separately.

References

1. American College of Cardiology. Intracoronary Stent Placement. Guide to CPT 2001; 2001: 61.