

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Coding Terms and Definitions

Medicaid population

Includes the currently enrolled or potential Medicaid eligible.

Medicaid-covered services

Includes all medical, dental, mental health and waiver services covered by Medicaid, regardless of client's Medicaid status.

Non Medicaid-covered services

Any service, activity, and program that is not Medicaid-covered. Some of the more common are: WIC, car passenger safety, car seat classes, housing, education, job training, social services such as clothing, food, child care, TANF, SSI, food, food stamps, Head Start, legal aid, lead poisoning prevention, domestic violence, routine head lice checks, weight reduction, physical activity, epidemiological investigation of communicable disease, environmental issues, etc.

Parallel Codes

For most activities, the activity could be for Medicaid or for Non Medicaid-covered services. The use of Non Medicaid-covered codes makes the distinction. For example: Code 7 (REFERRAL, COORDINATION AND MONITORING OF MEDICAID SERVICES) has a Non Medicaid-covered parallel Code 8 (REFERRAL, COORDINATION AND MONITORING OF NON-MEDICAID SERVICES). So, if you make a referral for a Non Medicaid-covered program such as Food Stamps/WIC, use Code 8.

Regardless of communication or setting

All communication, by phone, mail, email, face-to-face, etc., within your Health Department, a home, school, Juvenile Detention Center, Senior Center, shopping mall, county fair, etc.

State suggested codes and descriptions

Common descriptions of activities to be used by all agencies. Many activities can be listed under one description.

Local MAC codes and descriptions

These are descriptions specific to your agency and claiming unit.

Tag Line

A common line that is in all descriptions except Code 15 (General Administration). The line is intended to connect all activities associated with the code to that code. It should lower the use of Code 15-C to under 9%. The tag line reads:

Includes paperwork, clerical activities, staff travel or training directly related to performing these activities.

Medicaid-covered Services

Code 1 – Direct Patient Care

Code 3 – Medicaid Outreach

Code 5 – Facilitating Medicaid Eligibility Determinations

Code 7 – Referral, Coordination & Monitoring of Medicaid Services

Code 9 – Transportation and Translation for Medicaid Services

Code 11 – Program Planning, Development & Interagency Coordination of Medical Services

Code 13 – Medical Related Provider Relations

- Ambulance/ambulette services
- Behavioral Health
- Chiropractic services (children only)
- Community alcohol and drug addiction services
- Community mental health services
- Dental services
- Durable medical equipment
- Family planning services and supplies
- Health Check (EPSDT) program
- Home and community-based waivers (restricted enrollment, see listing)
- Home health services
- Hospice
- Inpatient hospital services
- Lab & X-ray services
- Managed Care (Melina, Care Source, etc.)
- Nursing home care
- Nurse-midwife, CFNP and CPN services
- Outpatient services (including those delivered at RHCs and FQHCs)
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy
- Physician services
- Podiatry
- Prescription drugs
- Transportation Vision care, including eyeglasses

Non Medicaid-covered Services

- Code 2 – Non-Medicaid Other Program and Social Service Activities**
- Code 4 – Non-Medicaid Outreach**
- Code 6 – Facilitating Eligibility for Non-Medicaid Programs**
- Code 8 – Referral, Coordination & Monitoring of Non-Medicaid Services**
- Code 10 – Transportation and Translation for Non-Medicaid Services**
- Code 12 – Program Planning, Development & Interagency Coordination of Non-Medical Services**
- Code 14 – Non-Medical Provider Relations**

Some examples of Non Medicaid-covered Services include:

- **Car passenger safety**
- **Clothing**
- **Environment safety**
- **Food stamps**
- **WIC**
- **Housing assistance**
- **Jobs**
- **Parenting**
- **SSI**
- **TANF**

The above listing is not intended to be a complete list. Each agency will have different Non Medicaid-covered Services.

Parallel Coding

Medicaid Claiming Code References

