

Policy Clarification #000299

CMS NCCI Edits - Venipuncture

November 14, 2025

To: Iowa Medicaid Managed Care Plans

This letter is a formal notification of the Department's expectations related to the operations and implementation of Iowa Medicaid under the managed care program.

Purpose of this communication (check all that apply):

- ☒ Provide formal guidance
- ☐ Clarification of existing Iowa Medicaid policy
 - Federal mandate: [cite CFR]
 - Iowa Code: [cite section]
 - Iowa Administrative Code: [cite IAC]
 - Managed Care Contract (if applicable): [cite contract section and if MCO or PAHP]
- ☐ Guidance on new process or policy
- ☒ Replacement of prior PC: PC #PC000250

The purpose of this letter is to provide formal guidance and replacement of prior policy clarification.

The following applies to the manner in which Iowa Medicaid will reimburse for CPT 36415

1. CPT 36415 (Collection of venous blood by venipuncture) will reimburse in alignment with CMS Medicaid NCCI rules with no exemptions with dates of service on or after 12/1/2025.

Related to this Policy Clarification:

- ▶ Effective date of this Policy Clarification: Dates of service on or after 12/01/2025
- ▶ Claims processing requirement:
 - ☒ Prospective
 - ☐ Retroactive
 - ☐ Not applicable

Attestation:

I hereby acknowledge receipt and understanding of this policy clarification, including all specified requirements and deadlines.

Name _____ Date _____

The department will monitor progress towards implementation and may impose remedies for failure to implement.

Sincerely,

Contract Manager
Managed Care Contract Manager