



Reimbursement Policy

Subject: Robotic Assisted Surgery

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Section: **Surgery**

*****The most current version of the reimbursement policies can be found on our provider website. If you are using a printed version of this policy, please verify the information by going to <https://providers.amerigroup.com>. Under Quick Tools, select Reimbursement Policies > Medicare. *****

These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claim submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement if the service is covered by a member’s Amerigroup Medicare Advantage benefit plan. The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member’s benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis as well as to the member’s state of residence. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with CPT® codes, HCPCS codes and/or revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to participating providers and facilities; a noncontracting provider who accepts Medicare assignment will be reimbursed for services according to the original Medicare reimbursement rates.

If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current reimbursement policies are not followed, Amerigroup Medicare Advantage may:

- Reject or deny the claim.
- Recover and/or recoup claim payment.

Amerigroup Medicare Advantage reimbursement policies are developed based on nationally accepted industry standards and coding principles. These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements. System logic or setup may prevent the loading of policies into the claims platforms in the same manner as described; however, Amerigroup Medicare Advantage strives to minimize these variations.

Amerigroup Medicare Advantage reserves the right to review and revise our policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to this site.

Policy

Amerigroup Medicare Advantage does not allow separate or additional reimbursement for the use of robotic surgical systems unless provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements

	<p>indicate otherwise. Robotic surgical systems refer to robotic technology integral or optional in a surgical procedure.</p> <p>Robotic technique is considered included in the primary surgical procedure, and reimbursement will be based on the payment for the primary surgical procedure(s), regardless of any instruments, supplies, techniques or approaches used in a procedure, or increase in operating room use.</p>
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial review approved and effective 07/29/19: Policy language restructured • Biennial review approved 10/26/17: Policy template updated • Biennial review approved and effective 05/14/15: Modifier language removed; Background section updated; Definitions section updated; Related policies section updated • Review approved 04/14/14: Policy template updated • Biennial review approved 05/06/13: Policy template updated • Initial policy approved 02/28/11 and effective 09/11/11
References and Research Materials	<p>This policy has been developed through consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS • State contracts • U.S. FDA
Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotic Assisted Surgery: a technology used in a surgical procedure to assist the surgeon in controlling the surgical technique • General Reimbursement Policy Definitions
Related Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Related Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None