Harvard Pilgrim Health Care | TUFTS Health Plan

Point32Health companies

Payment Policy:
Chemotherapy Oncology

Applies to:

Commercial Products

☒ Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial products
☒ Tufts Health Plan Commercial products

Public Plans Products

☒ Tufts Health Direct – A Massachusetts Qualified Health Plan (QHP) (a commercial product)
☒ Tufts Health Together – MassHealth Accountable Care Partnership Plans
☒ Tufts Health RITogether – A Rhode Island Medicaid Plan
☒ Tufts Health One Care – A dual-eligible product

Senior Products

☒ Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options (SCO) (a dual-eligible product)
☒ Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO/PPO (Medicare Advantage products)

Policy

Point32Health reimburses contracted providers for oncology services including chemotherapeutic agents and their administration. The services must be furnished within the scope of practice in the state in which the physician or non-physician practitioner is licensed to practice.

Prerequisites

Applicable Point32Health referral, notification, and authorization policies may apply. Refer to the appropriate sections within the Provider Manuals for more information.

General Benefit Information

Services are pursuant to the member's benefit plan documents and are subject to applicable member out-of-pocket cost (e.g., copayment, coinsurance, deductible). Member eligibility and benefit specifics should be verified prior to initiating services.

Drugs that require skilled administration by providers are generally covered under the medical benefit instead of the pharmacy benefit.

Use of non-contracted labs may have the unintended consequence of subjecting the member to unnecessary services not ordered by the treating provider or other unreasonable financial exposure. In such circumstances, Point32Health may hold the ordering provider accountable for any inappropriate behavior on the part of the nonparticipating lab that has been selected.

Point32Health Reimburses

- Administration of chemotherapeutic agents
- Oncology drugs
- Oral anti-emetics, as part of chemotherapeutic regimen
- A significant and separately identifiable evaluation and management service, in addition to the chemotherapy administration service when the appropriate modifier is appended and supported by the medical documentation

Point32Health Does *Not* Reimburse

- Administration of a heparin flush separately from the office visit
- Chemotherapy assessment for nausea/ vomiting levels, pain levels, and fatigue levels

- Hospital mandated on-call services; in hospital or out of hospital
- Laboratory handling fees when billed with laboratory specimens or surgical procedures
- Office visits provided on an emergency basis, billed in addition to an evaluation and management service
- Physicians for chemotherapy administration services provided in a facility setting such as a hospital outpatient department or emergency department
- Preparation of the chemotherapeutic agent separately from the administration fee
- Supplies when billed with evaluation and management or surgical services
- Surgical trays
- Venipuncture when billed with an evaluation and management code or with laboratory services

Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation

Coding

~~These~~ This code table~~s~~ may not be all inclusive.

Code	Description
0331	Chemotherapy administration- injection; Bill with applicable CPT/ HCPCS code
0332	Chemotherapy administration- oral; Bill with applicable CPT/ HCPCS code
0335	Chemotherapy administration- IV; Bill with applicable CPT/ HCPCS code
0636	Drugs requiring detailed coding; Bill with applicable CPT/ HCPCS code
J3490	Unclassified drugs; bill with NDC number according to Unlisted codes billing instructions (See Related Policies and Resources)
J9999	Not otherwise classified anti-neoplastic drugs; bill with NDC number according to Unlisted codes billing instructions (See Related Policies and Resources)

Other Information

Chemotherapy Administration

- Report only one initial administration service per day
- Use separate codes for each parenteral method of administration; indicate units in block 25G of the paper CMS-1500 or loop 2400, segment SV104 with UN qualifier SV103 of the 837P
- When billing multiple units of administration codes for chemotherapy IV push and infusion techniques and/ or related medications on the same date of service, bill on one line with a count

Related Policies and Resources

Payment Policies

- Anesthesia
- Drugs and Biologicals
- Evaluation and Management
- Home Infusion
- Imaging Services
- Inpatient Hospital Admissions
- Maximum Units
- Modifiers
- Non-Covered Services
- Radiation Oncology
- Unlisted Procedure Codes

Clinical Policies

- Oncology (OncoHealth/Oncology analytics)
- Outpatient Diagnostic Imaging/Advanced Imaging (Evolent)
- Pharmacy Overview
- Pharmacy Utilization Management

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Background and Disclaimer Information

This policy applies to the products of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan and their affiliates, as identified in the check boxes on the first page for services performed by contracted providers.

Payment is based on member benefits and eligibility on the date of service, medical necessity review, where applicable, and the provider's network participation agreement with the Plan. As every claim is unique, this policy is neither a guarantee of payment, nor a final indication of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to member eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization, and utilization management requirements (when applicable), adherence to Plan policies and procedures, and claims editing logic. An authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Point32Health reserves the right to amend a payment policy at its discretion. CPT and HCPCS codes are updated as applicable; please adhere to the most recent CPT and HCPCS coding guidelines.

We reserve the right to conduct audits on any provider and/or facility to ensure accuracy and compliance with the guidelines stated in this payment policy. If such an audit determines that a provider/facility did not comply with this payment policy, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan will expect the provider/facility to refund all payments related to noncompliance.