

<b>Coding Policy Policy and Procedure</b>		
SUBJECT: Coding Policy 22.0 HCPCS S-Codes	DEPARTMENT: <b>Coding Compliance</b>	
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**SCOPE:**

Providence Health Plan, Providence Health Assurance, Providence Plan Partners, and Ayin Health Solutions as applicable (referred to individually as “Company” and collectively as “Companies”).

**APPLIES TO:**

All Lines of Business

**POLICY:**

Company does not recognize HCPCS codes beginning with the letter “S.” If there is no existing CPT code or HCPCS code (other than the S-code) for the supply or service, the provider may report an unlisted code. Contract exceptions may apply.

**PROCEDURE:**

HCPCS codes beginning with the letter “S” are denied as provider responsibility. The message on the Explanation of Payment (EOP) states: “Rebill with alternate code.” If there is no existing CPT code or HCPCS code other than the S-code, a corrected claim may be submitted with an unlisted code.

**REFERENCE:**

CMS / Medicare Rules and Regulations  
Providence Health Plan Clinical Coding Edits