

Coding Policy

HCPCS S-Codes and H-Codes

CODING POLICY NUMBER: 22

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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”). **The full Company portfolio of current coding policies is available online and can be [accessed here](#).**

POLICY APPLICATION

- Providence Health Plan Participating Providers Non-Participating Practitioners
 Commercial Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan Medicare

*Medicaid/OHP Members

Oregon: Services requested for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members follow the OHP Prioritized List and Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) as the primary resource for coverage determinations. Coding policy criteria below may be applied when there are no criteria available in the OARs and the OHP Prioritized List.

POLICY STATEMENT

Notes: Contract exceptions may apply.

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

PROCEDURE

GENERAL

HCPCS codes beginning with the letter “S” or the letter “H” are considered “not valid for Medicare” and will be denied by PHP as provider responsibility with the exception of select contracted services. 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 or H-code, a corrected claim may be submitted with an unlisted code. See also Coding Policy 27.0 (Unlisted Procedure Codes).

CROSS REFERENCES

- Coding Policy 27.0 (Unlisted Procedure Codes)

REFERENCES

1. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ([cms.gov](https://www.cms.gov))
2. Providence Health Plan Clinical Coding Edits

POLICY REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision Summary
1/2001	Original policy effective date.
1/2023	Annual review. Converted to new template 5/2023.
1/2024	Annual review. No changes to policy.
1/2025	Annual review. No changes to policy.
5/2025	Annual review. Included rationale and made note of contract exceptions.
05/2026	Annual review. Added OHP disclaimer and Cross References section.