

Benign Skin Lesion Removal

Background

- New medical policies outline medically necessary diagnoses for benign skin lesion removal:
 - [Benign Skin Lesions \(Company\)](#)
 - [Benign Skin Lesions \(Medicare\)](#)

Billing Guidelines

- Submit claims using CPT codes listed in the policy (e.g., 11300–11313, 11400–11446, 17110–17111).
- Diagnosis Code Grouping:**
 - For commercial lines of business, claims may be considered **medically necessary** when CPT codes are billed with diagnosis codes in the following manner:
 - Group 1:* A single listed diagnosis code is sufficient.
 - Group 2:* Requires a diagnosis code from Column A *and* a diagnosis code from Column B.
 - Group 3:* Malignant diagnoses (only one diagnosis code is required) and these diagnosis codes are only applicable to CPT codes 11300-11313.
 - For Medicare lines of business, CPT codes must be billed with approved diagnoses codes listed in the relevant Medicare [Local Coverage Article](#).
- Denial Risk:** Claims with diagnosis codes not listed in Groups 1-3 and billed per policy instructions will be denied as not medically necessary.
- For additional information and instructions, please refer to each policy's "**Billing Guidelines**" and "**Billing Guideline Appendix**" sections ([commercial](#) only).

Non-Covered and Limited Services List

- A CPT code's appearance on the [non-covered and limited services list](#) does not automatically imply non-coverage. Many such codes (including codes for benign skin lesion removal) include notes explaining the code may still be covered when billed with certain diagnosis codes. Example below:

Commercial/ASO, OHP, PEBB	11441	Excision, other benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; excised diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm	u21 Deny, Not Medically Necessary per the Medical Policy- Provider Resp	08/01/2025	Benign Skin Lesions (Company)	This code may pay based on billed diagnosis codes. Please see relevant medical policy for more information.
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Questions?

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