Payment Policy CPP_15

Operating and Recovery Room Services and Supplies

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Policy Statement

Operating room (OR) charges reflect services provided to patients by nursing personnel and other qualified professionals who assist a surgeon in performing a surgical procedure. Payment is based on the amount of time the patient spends in the OR, as documented by the OR nurse's note. OR charges also include any services and supplies related to a surgical procedure.

The **recovery room** is a unit equipped for the care and observation of patients following anesthesia administered as part of a surgical procedure. Recovery room charges include all services and equipment used to monitor patients and ensure their safety and welfare in these rooms.

Professional fees of the surgeon and anesthesiologists are outside the scope of this policy.

Related Policies

CPP_04 Robotic & Computer Assistive Devices Payment Policy

CPP_07 Observation Services Payment Policy

Policy Implementation/Update Information

This policy was originally implemented on 04/01/2018

Date of Change	Effective Date	Overview of Change
01/01/2018	04/01/2018	New Payment Policy
11/12/2026	02/01/2027	Payment Policy reformatted to new template. Document precedence, benefit determination guidance, and audit information sections were removed as they are represented in the Payment Policy Guideline Document. Policy statement simplified with no changes to intent.

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