

Payment Policy CPP_54

Services Incidental to Inpatient Admission (3-Day)

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Policy Statement

Outpatient services provided on the date of admission or the three calendar days immediately preceding the date of admission are included in the payment for inpatient services when provided by the admitting hospital.

Nondiagnostic services attested by the hospital as unrelated to the admission and ambulance services will be considered for separate payment with the appropriate condition code. All other outpatient services billed within the three calendar days of admission will be denied inclusive.

Related Policies

CPP_32 Claims Editing

CPP_07 Observation Services

Policy Implementation/Update Information

This policy was originally implemented on August 20, 2026

Date of Change	Effective Date	Overview of Change
August 20, 2026	December 01, 2026	New Policy.

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