

Health Plus Medical & Claims Payment Bulletin

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Subject: Implants at Surgery and Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS)

Policy:

Health Plus considers the DRG (Diagnosis Related Group) allowance generally to include the costs of implants provided during a surgical procedure.

In making this decision Health Plus will rely on the most recent published version of the New York State DRG listing, including the description and Service Intensity Weight (SIW) assigned to each DRG by the New York State Department of Health.

- Implants include, but are not limited to cochlear implants, cardiovascular implants, orthopedic implants, and ocular implants.
- Cochlear implants may be billed using DRG 49. Health Plus follows procedures established by Medicare for reimbursement of such implants.
- Cardiac pacemaker implants are included in DRGs 115, 116 or 118, as appropriate.
- Cardiac defibrillator implants would be included in DRGs 849 or 850, as appropriate.
- Cardiac ventricular assist device implants may be billed under DRG 811. Health Plus follows the reimbursement policies of the New York State Medicaid program in determining the appropriate payment for such implants.
- Implants for cardiac stents are included in DRGs 852, 853, and 854.
- Orthopedic implants should be included in the appropriate spinal or extremity DRGs.
- Ocular implants are included in DRG 39.

Policies in this manual are intended to reflect standard Health Plus procedures. In instances where a provider's contract contains other policies which may be more or less restrictive than those in this manual, these contractual provisions will apply.

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