

April 24, 2026

Subject: Outpatient Hospital Claims Payment Update

Dear Provider:

Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. (Presbyterian) is writing to inform you of an upcoming update to our outpatient hospital claims payment policy. This change is intended to better align claims adjudication with the outpatient reimbursement terms set forth in your contractual agreement with Presbyterian.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2026, Presbyterian will apply Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) outpatient hospital packaging methodology when adjudicating outpatient hospital claims under your agreement. Under this methodology, certain ancillary services and supplies are packaged into the payment for the primary procedure, consistent with CMS outpatient payment rules.

This update does not represent a change to your contracted reimbursement rates. Rather, it reflects Presbyterian's intent to administer outpatient hospital claims in a manner that is consistent with:

- CMS packaging and bundling logic
- Existing contract language that references CMS processing guidelines

Presbyterian believes this alignment promotes consistency, transparency and predictability in claims payment, while ensuring compliance with contractual provisions governing outpatient services. Providers should continue to submit outpatient hospital claims using standard billing practices and applicable CMS billing guidelines. Claims will be reviewed and paid in accordance with the terms of your agreement and the applicable CMS packaging methodology.

If you have questions regarding this update or would like additional information, please contact your Presbyterian Provider Contracting representative. Contact information can be found at www.phs.org/contactguide.

As always, thank you for partnering with us to improve the health and wellness of the patients, members and communities we serve.

Healthy regards,
Provider Network Operations

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Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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