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Note to reviewers: This will be included in an upcoming newsletter.

Reimbursement Policy

Provider Newsletter Article

Policy Update

Present on Admission Indicator for Health Care Acquired Conditions

(Policy [12-001], effective [TBD])

In accordance with the *Deficit Reduction Act of 2005*, present on admission (POA) indicators are required for all inpatient discharges on or after [October 1, 2007]. The POA indicator is required for all primary and secondary diagnosis codes but is not required on the admitting diagnosis. Failure to include the POA indicator with the primary and secondary diagnosis codes may result in the claim being denied or rejected.

Currently under Exhibit C: HealthCare-Acquired Condition Categories, Healthy Blue has identified the following as part of the falls and trauma category:

- Fractures
- Dislocations
- Intracranial injuries
- Crushing injuries
- Burns

Effective [TBD], in addition to the POA indicator requirements, Healthy Blue requires additional days added to the length of an inpatient stay due to health-care acquired conditions to be reflected on *Type of Bill 0110* (no-pay claim).

Additionally, the falls and traumas category in Exhibit C: HealthCare-Acquired Condition Categories is defined as *all injuries related to falls and trauma*.

For additional information, please review the Present on Admission Indicator for Health Care Acquired Conditions reimbursement policy at [\[https://providers.healthybluela.com\]](https://providers.healthybluela.com).