

<b>Billing and Reimbursement Guideline:</b>	<b>Special Services, Procedures and Reports</b>
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Key coding, documentation and reimbursement points include:

- Codes 99000- 99091 are always billed in conjunction with the basic service provided for the patient and are not separately reimbursable.
- Codes 99000 – 99002: Handling and conveyance charges are bundled by Neighborhood. Routine handling charges are not payable when a specimen is referred from one lab to another or when a physician’s lab transfers a specimen to a reference laboratory as these charges are considered part of the office visit.
- Code 99024: Postoperative follow up visit, included in global service is a bundled service as the postoperative visits are a component of the surgical global package. This code is not separately reimbursable by Neighborhood when billed as part of surgical care.
- Codes 99026-99027: Hospital mandated on call services both in house and out-of-hospital are not reimbursable.
- Code 99058: Services provided on an emergency basis in the office, in addition to basic services are not separately reimbursable.
- Code 99070: Neighborhood does not reimburse this code unless contractually specified. If the supply is considered a miscellaneous supply, the claim must be billed on paper with a miscellaneous supply code and an invoice attached for review. Only supplies and devices that are FDA approved are reimbursable. Any supply or device that is non-FDA approved will be denied. No invoice older than one year from the date of service billed will be accepted.
- Code 99071: Educational supplies, such as books, tapes, pamphlets provided by the physician are bundled into the office visit or other service. Neighborhood does not reimburse this code separately.

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- Codes 99075 and 99080: Medical testimony and special reports are not separately reimbursable.
- Code 99078: Physician educational services rendered to patients in a group setting such as cardiac rehabilitation, diabetic, prenatal, and obesity instruction are not separately reimbursable.
- Code 99082: Unusual travel, transport and escort of patient. Neighborhood does not reimburse this code.
- Codes 99090 – 99091: Analysis of clinical data stored in computers (eg, EKGs, blood pressures, hematologic data) and provider collection and interpretation of computerized data stored or transmitted by the patient or caregiver are bundled procedures. Neighborhood does not reimburse this code separately.
- This guideline applies to both CMS-1500 and UB-92 claim submissions.
- This guideline applies to all places of service.

*Please refer to Neighborhood's provider website at <http://www.nhpri.org> for specific provisions by product line.*

*This guideline is not a guarantee of reimbursement. Plan coverage, eligibility and claim payment edit rules may apply.*

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