

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Contracted Podiatrist and Primary Care Providers
FROM: El Paso Health Medicare Advantage
DATE: July 1, 2026
RE: Podiatry Supplemental Benefit Billing Updates

El Paso Health is issuing updated guidance for Routine Foot Care services to ensure claims are processed under the appropriate benefit.

Original Medicare generally excludes routine foot care services from coverage. However, El Paso Health will cover these services when they are considered medically necessary and the member meets Medicare coverage requirements, including qualifying systemic conditions and applicable medical necessity criteria. When the member meets medical necessity requirements, providers should bill the service using the appropriate Medicare coding and modifiers, as applicable.

Supplemental Benefit Routine Foot Care Benefit

For members who do not meet medical necessity requirements, but receive routine foot care, these services are covered under El Paso Health Supplemental Benefit for Podiatry Routine Care Services. Providers must identify the service as a supplemental benefit by appending Modifier U1 to the claim.

The following procedure codes billed with Modifier U1 will be processed under the Supplemental Routine Foot Care benefit:

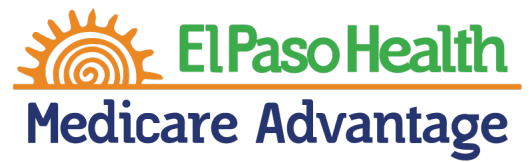
CPT Code	Description
11055	Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion (e.g., corn or callus); single lesion.
11056	Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion; two to four lesions
11057	Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion; more than four lesions.

Billing Instructions

Bill without Modifier U1 when:

- The member meets medical necessity criteria.
- The service qualifies as a Medicare covered routine foot care service.
- Standard Medicare billing rules and applicable modifiers should be followed.

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Bill with Modifier U1 when:

- The member does not meet medical necessity requirements.
- The service is being provided under El Paso Health's Supplemental Benefit for Routine Foot care.
- CPT codes 11055, 11056, or 11057 are submitted for payment under the supplemental benefit.

For any questions related to this correspondence, please contact our Provider Relations Team via email at ProviderServicesDG@elpasohealth.com or call 1-833-742-3125