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Provider Notification

Date of Notification	6/1/11	Revision Date	
Plans Affected	All Lines of Business		
Subject	Pressure Ulcer Stage Code Billing		

Mercy Care Plan would like to inform you of correct ICD-9 coding for pressure ulcer stage codes. According to ICD-9 Guidelines, two codes are required to completely describe a pressure ulcer:

The primary code is required from subcategory 707.0 (Pressure Ulcer) that identifies the site of the pressure ulcer. These codes range from 707.00 – 707.09.

The secondary code that needs to be billed is from subcategory 707.2 (Pressure Ulcer Stages). The specific code billed identifies the Pressure Ulcer Stage. These codes range from 707.20 – 707.25. Codes 707.20 – 707.25 are to be used as an additional diagnosis. Codes from this subcategory may not be assigned as a principal or first-listed diagnosis.

Payment for claims not billed in the above manner will be denied by Mercy Care. A corrected claim will need to be submitted for payment reconsideration.