



August 6, 2010

Re: Reimbursement Guidelines for Essure

Dear IPA Medical Director,

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) is pleased to announce a new covered benefit for IEHP Members. **Essure** is a permanent sterilization procedure for women and is covered by IEHP since May 1, 2010. Please review the following Essure criteria, system coding and billing instruction for IEHP Providers.

- 1) Verify IEHP eligibility on every patient prior to rendering services.
- 2) Authorization is not required for Essure.
- 3) Reimbursement is restricted to once-in-a-lifetime bilateral placement or twice-in-a-lifetime unilateral placement of the Essure System, same recipient, any provider. Claims submitted without required documentation will be denied.
- 4) Code 58565 is subject to all federal and state sterilization policy. Recipients must be 21 years of age or older.
- 5) A *Consent Form* (PM 330) is always required, even when the procedure is not successful. Must be signed 30 days prior to the surgery.
- 6) Please note that IPAs are responsible for the Professional Fee (58565 and Modifier- AG). Claims with modifiers for the kit and supply (50, 52, ZM, or ZN) should be submitted to IEHP.
- 7) Claims Submission. Submit your CMS 1500 with the correct CPT code with proper modifiers:

In Office

Physicians (Professional fee) must bill using the following CPT code + modifier			
CPT Code	58565	With Bilateral fallopian tube cannulation to induce occlusion by placement of permanent implants	IPA Responsibility
Modifier	AG	Primary Surgeon	

Kit and Supplies should be billed using the following CPT code + modifiers			
CPT Code	58565	With Bilateral fallopian tube cannulation to induce occlusion by placement of permanent implants	IEHP Responsibility
Modifiers	50	Bilateral Placement	
	52	Unilateral Placement	
	ZM or ZN	Supplies	

*For IEHP Direct Physicians, you may submit CPT 58565 with up to 4 modifiers on the same claim form.

Outpatient Facility

The Physician only receives their professional fee which is determined by whether bilateral or unilateral placement was achieved. The facility receives the reimbursement for the kit and supplies.

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Modifier	AG	Primary Surgeon	

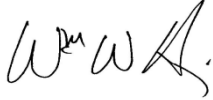
Facilities must bill using the following CPT code + modifiers			
CPT Code	58565	With Bilateral fallopian tube cannulation to induce occlusion by placement of permanent implants	IEHP Responsibility
Modifiers	50	Bilateral Placement	
	52	Unilateral Placement	
	ZM or ZN	Supplies	

Current Fee Schedule for Essure system - CPT 58565 (as of July 2010)

Modifiers	AG	\$737.00
	50	\$1,299.00
	52	\$649.50
	ZM or ZN	\$245.00

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please call Chris Chan, Pharm.D. at (909) 890-2067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Henning, D.O.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William Henning, D.O.
Chief Medical Officer
Inland Empire Health Plan