

## PHYSICIAN STANDBY CHARGES

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### I. CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODES

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### II. DESCRIPTION

A physician standby charge is a charge made by an individual provider to cover the expenses involved in maintaining a ready or available status in the event the services the provider has to offer may be required.

### III. POLICY

Separate reimbursement for physician's standby charges may not be considered for coverage since no service is actually rendered during a standby situation. Standby services are considered part of the routine institutional services and, as such, should be included in the institutional charge.

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