

PHYSICIAN STANDBY CHARGES

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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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