

# For providers out of the Aetna Medicare network:

## How to accept and bill claims for the Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup> Plan (PPO) with Extended Service Area (ESA)

Your patient's plan is a customized group Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO plan with Extended Service Area (ESA). Under this plan, members pay the same amount whether they visit in-network or out-of-network providers.

**Your patient's services will be covered** as long as you are:

- Eligible to receive payment from Medicare, and
- Willing to accept the plan.

### About the plan

The Aetna Medicare Advantage ESA PPO plan provides all the benefits of Original Medicare — and more. The plan includes coverage for unlimited hospitalization and certain preventive/wellness services beyond what Medicare covers. It also features:

- No contract
- Medicare rates for doctors who do not participate for good order claims (less member copayments, coinsurance or deductible, as required under Medicare Advantage regulations and the member's plan)
- One bill and one payment
- No referrals required
- Precertification recommended, but not required
- ID card indicating "Medicare ESA PPO" below Aetna logo

### Claims instructions for your staff

For Aetna Medicare Advantage ESA PPO patients, your staff should:

- Collect the patient's copayment for covered expenses
- Submit all good order claims for covered services for payment
- Submit the patient-paid amount on claim

Aetna will process claims using:

- Original Medicare billing rules
- The Medicare fee schedule
- Prospective payment system requirements
- Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)
- The patient's plan documents, including Evidence of Coverage

Medicare-limiting charges will apply. Aetna uses the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) for bundling/unbundling logic. For more information, use the CCI link on the CMS website: <http://www.cms.gov/nationalcorrectcodinitied/>.

### More information about doing business with Aetna

Go to <http://www.aetnaeducation.com> for training and resources. Search for "Medicare Advantage."

We're here to help you and your Aetna Medicare Advantage plan patients.

Call us at **1-800-624-0756 (TTY: 711)**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Local time.

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