

<b>Professional Pricing Policy</b>	
<b>Subject: Screening Services with Related Evaluation &amp; Management Services</b>	
Policy Number: HLEM-0002	Policy Section: <b>Evaluation and Management</b>
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### Disclaimer

*These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claims submissions and to outline the basis for allowed amounts for HealthLink members. The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member's benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) codes, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and/or Revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to participating providers and facilities.*

*If appropriate coding/billing guidelines are not followed, HealthLink and/or its Payors may:*

- *Reject or deny the claim*
- *Recover and/or recoup claim payment*

*These policies may be superseded by provider or State contract language, or State, Federal requirements or mandates.*

*We strive to minimize delays in policy implementation. If there is a delay, we reserve the right to recoup and/or adjust pricing accordingly to the effective date. HealthLink reserves the right to review and revise its policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to the website. Note: medical claim pricing and processing services provided by HealthLink are available to a payor; however not all payors purchase such services for the benefit plans they sponsor.*

### Policy

HealthLink considers certain screening services to be a component of a preventive medicine service or an annual GYN examination when reported on the same date of service by the same provider<sup>1</sup>. When certain screening services are reported on the same date of service by the same provider with a problem oriented E/M service, the screening service should be considered when determining the appropriate level of E/M service to report.

Therefore, a screening service reported on the same date of service with a preventive medicine service, an annual GYN examination, and/or a problem oriented E/M will not be separately allowed.

In addition, HealthLink considers annual GYN examinations to be included in the reimbursement for preventive medicine services and not separately allowed.

Screening services reported on a separate date of service from preventive medicine services, annual GYN examinations, and/or problem oriented E/M services may be separately allowed based on the member's benefits at the time of visit.

### Related Coding

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
G0101	Cervical or vaginal cancer screening; pelvic and clinical breast examination	Not allowed
G0102	Prostate cancer screening; digital rectal examination	Not allowed
Q0091	Screening Papanicolaou smear; obtaining, preparing, and conveyance of cervical or vaginal smear to laboratory	Not allowed

**Exemptions**

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**Definitions**

General Professional Pricing Policy Definitions
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**Related Policies and Materials**

Bundled Services and Supplies
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Modifier 59 and XE, XP, XS and XU (Distinct Procedural/Separate/Unusual Service)
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**References and Research Materials**

This policy has been developed through consideration of the following
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CMS</li><li>• American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)</li></ul> |
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**Use of Pricing Policy**

*This policy is subject to federal and state laws, to the extent applicable, as well as the terms, conditions, and limitations of a member's benefits on the date of service. Pricing Policy is constantly evolving and we reserve the right to review and update these policies periodically.*

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