



Puerto Rico Medicaid Management Information System (PRMMIS)

External Cause of Injury/Morbidity Code Cannot Be Primary	Policy No.:	PRMMIS-CLM-0002
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish that Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP) does not allow External Cause of Injury/Morbidity (ECOI) diagnosis codes as the primary diagnosis on claims/encounters.

Acronym/Term	Definition
CHIP	Children’s Health Insurance Program
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
ECOI	External Cause of Injury/Morbidity
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 10 th Revision, Clinical Modification
PRMMIS	Puerto Rico Medicaid Management Information System
PRMP	Puerto Rico Medicaid Program

Scope

All references to the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP) in this policy are inclusive of Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This policy applies to providers who submit claims for reimbursement with Medicaid funds.

Policy

ECOI codes are International Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes that classify environmental events and circumstances as the cause of injury, and other adverse events. These codes were developed to assist in better understanding the causes of injuries and are helpful for injury research and evaluation of injury prevention strategies, but they do not provide the details of the actual injury. The 2021 International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) Coding Guidelines published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) states that the use of ECOI codes is supplemental to the application of the actual diagnosis codes and should never be reported as the principal diagnosis on the claim.

The PRMP does not permit claims/encounters to indicate External Cause of Injury/Morbidity diagnosis codes (V00-Y99) as the primary/principle diagnosis. When an ECOI code is listed as the primary diagnosis, the claim/encounter will be denied.



References

- *ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting.*
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2021-coding-guidelines-updated-12162020.pdf>

Change History

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