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Title	Robotic Surgical System and Computer Assisted Navigation Codes (S2900, 20985, 0054T and 0055T)		
Number	CP.PP.397.v1.7		
Last Approval Date	04/06/26	Original Effective Date	07/24/15
Cross Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Contract Exclusions/Disallowed Charges – Inpatient and Outpatient Facility Services</i> • <i>Modifier 22 – Increased Procedural Services</i> 		

Coverage of any service is determined by a member's eligibility, benefit limits for the service or services rendered and the application of the Plan's Medical Policy. Final payment is subject to the application of claims adjudication edits common to the industry and **the Plan's professional and facility services claims coding policies**. Reimbursement is restricted to the provider's scope of practice as well as the fee schedule applicable to that provider.

Purpose	To define Plan limitations on robotic surgical system and computer-assisted navigation codes that are submitted on a facility or professional claim.
Scope	Applies to all Premera Blue Cross, Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska, LifeWise Health Plan of Washington, LifeWise Assurance Company and Premera Blue Cross HMO lines of business and products.
Policy	<p>Robotic surgical system services and computer-assisted navigation for musculoskeletal surgical services are techniques used to perform the main surgical procedure and not a separate service. These techniques are represented by codes S2900, 20985, 0054T, and 0055T, all of which are add-on codes.</p> <p>As such, when these add-on codes are billed, the robotic surgical system code and the computer-assisted navigation codes are considered bundled/included as part of the primary surgical procedure and not separately reimbursable, whether billed separately or in conjunction with a primary procedure.</p> <p>Appending modifier <i>22-Increased Procedural Services</i> to a surgical code for the sole purpose of representing the use of robotic or computer-assisted surgical techniques does not warrant nor guarantee additional payment. Submission of medical records are required when submitting modifier 22 for clinical review to determine if increased procedural services are supported in the documentation to warrant additional reimbursement.</p>
Codes/Coding Guidelines	<p>Robotic surgical system services and computer assisted navigation for musculoskeletal surgical services include the following HCPCS or CPT codes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • +S2900 – Surgical techniques requiring use of robotic surgical system (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure) • +20985 – Computer assisted surgical navigational procedure for musculoskeletal procedures, image-less (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) • +0054T – Computer assisted musculoskeletal surgical navigational orthopedic procedure, with image guidance based on fluoroscopic images (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • +0055T – Computer assisted musculoskeletal surgical navigational orthopedic procedure, with image guidance based on CT/MRI images (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) <p>NOTE: + = Denotes an add-on code which must be billed with an appropriate primary procedure</p>																				
Violations of Policy	Violations of this policy by any party that enters into a written arrangement with the Plan may result in increased auditing and monitoring, performance guarantee contractual penalties and/or termination of the contract. Disciplinary actions will be appropriate to the seriousness of the violation and shall be determined by the Plan.																				
Exceptions	Exceptions section: Exceptions to the policy may be made where a provider or employer group contract dictates otherwise.																				
Laws, Regulations & Standards	N/A																				
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Policy Owner Review	Payment Integrity Oversight Committee																				
Contact	Any questions regarding the contents of this policy or its application should be directed to the Payment Integrity Department.																				
Annual Review Dates	04/06/26; 04/07/25; 05/14/24; 12/13/23; 01/17/23; 02/10/22; 02/25/21; 03/05/20; 03/15/19; 03/29/18; 06/13/17; 06/26/16; 07/24/15																				
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