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Policy Name:	Venipuncture	Page:	1 of 1
Department:	Medical Policy & Program Solutions		
Subsection:		Effective Date:	12/01/2020
Applies to:	Aetna Better Health of Illinois		

PURPOSE: Per Aetna Better Health of Illinois policy, we deny venipuncture when billed with an Evaluation and Management (E&M), including in a facility setting.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE/OVERVIEW:

Evaluation and Management (E&M) services billed with a venipuncture service are considered bundled. We deny the E&M service, except when the E&M is a significant and separately identifiable from the venipuncture.

Additionally, E&M services should not be billed when on the same date of service as venipuncture in a facility setting. Use of a room to draw blood is not separately payable, except when the E&M services are significant and separately identifiable service.

DEFINITIONS:

Venipuncture	The collection of blood from a vein; most often used for laboratory	
	testing.	

LEGAL/CONTRACT REFERENCE:

Review/Revision History			