

Effective Dates, Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) Codes and Policy Updates for May

Our Healthcare Policy department continuously reviews medical policies and operating procedures as new, evidence-based information becomes available regarding advances on new or emerging technologies, as well as current technologies, procedures and services.

The table below is designed to provide updates on changes to existing or new local policies and procedures during our review process. Each local policy or procedure listed includes a brief description of its status, select reporting instructions and effective dates. Policies from non-local accounts, such as NASCO and Federal Employee Program (FEP), may differ from our local determinations. Please verify member eligibility and benefits prior to rendering service through CareFirst on Call ([Professional](#) and [Institutional](#)) or [CareFirst Direct](#).

Note: The effective dates for the policies listed below represent claims with date of service processed on and after that date.

Medical Policy and/or Procedure	Actions, Comments and Reporting Guidelines	Policy Status and Effective Date
2.01.086 – Ambulatory Surgery Center – Site of Service	This policy is directed at site of service for Colonoscopy and Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD). A colonoscopy performed at an Ambulatory Surgery Center will not require prior authorization. A colonoscopy performed at an outpatient hospital-based surgery center will require prior authorization. EGD will require prior authorization for medical necessity and for site of service.	New Policy Effective 01/01/2025

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