

Cactus Pediatric Orthopaedics, PLLC

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Fracture Care Billing Fact Sheet

If we treat your dependent for a fracture, your insurance company requires that we bill our services to you using a coding system known as CPT (Current Procedural Terminology). The codes used to describe the services we completed for your dependent are found in the "surgery" section of the CPT codebook. The term "surgery" does not necessarily imply that you had an operation. Your insurance carrier may list today's services as such whether the fracture treatment meant your dependent was taken to the operating room, had a cast or splint put on in the office, or was just told to rest the area. This is merely the way the CPT codebook is organized for use by both insurance companies and physicians.

According to the CPT guidelines, fracture care is billed as a "packaged" service. This means that at the time of initial care, a bill is generated that includes:

1. Treatment of the fracture
2. The first cast or splint application
3. 90 days of normal, uncomplicated, follow up care

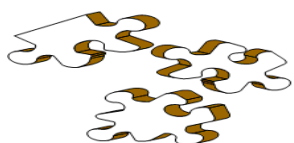
The procedures and other items NOT INCLUDED in the package are:

1. X-rays
2. All casting supplies (including those used with the first cast application)
3. Any durable medical equipment (slings, bracing, boots, etc.)
4. Any replacement cast or splint application
5. Office or hospital visits for problems not related to the initial fracture
6. The treatment of complications where they are taken to the operating room

There will be a separate charge for these services.

Your insurance company may cover the care rendered for fractures differently than for office visits. Therefore, when you receive the explanation of insurance benefits, the services may be paid as a surgical procedure with deductible and co-insurance guidelines applied. We are using the most appropriate code available to describe the care rendered. We are required legally to use this code to bill for this service. As always, we encourage you to check with your insurance company and verify the benefits available.

If you have any questions regarding the fracture care fees, please do not hesitate to call our billing office at (480) 289-5224.



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