SECTION 5: BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

of the Member Provider Policy & Procedure Manual

5.10 DRUG ELUTING INTRACORONARY STENT(S)

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CPT code C9600/C9602 may be billed once per major coronary artery utilizing the appropriate modifier (LC, LD, LM, RC, RI). If the C9600/C9602 is not filed with one of these accepted modifiers the claim may not be reimbursed correctly.

Note: You may only bill "1" unit per coronary artery even if multiple stents are placed in that one artery.