

# Local Codes

## UHIN's Experience with Local Codes

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# UHIN's Experience:

- Inability of national coding organizations to meet certain coding needs
  - Medicare doesn't pay the services -
    - No HCPCS interest
  - Often not for physician services -
    - No CPT interest
- Payers create their own codes



# HOME HEALTH

## UHIN Standard #28

- Home Health - 3 areas
  - Home Health Care Nursing Visits
  - IV Home Infusion Services/Supplies
    - Itemized billing codes
    - Global billing codes
  - Home Health Drugs billed with IV Home Infusion Services/Supplies



# DIETARY PRODUCTS

## UHIN Standard #27

- **Coverage for Metabolic Dietary Products**
- Detailed Product code list
- Effective Date: February 12, 1999.



# TELEHEALTH

## UHIN Standard #26

- **TeleHealth - 2 types**
  - **Teleconsultation** - real time interactive audio and video conferencing
  - **Store and forward telehealth** –electronic transmission of data and digitized images
- **3 Modifiers**
  - **GT** – Teleconsultation (face to face real time) consulting provider
  - **TR** – Presenting/Referring provider (face to face real time)
  - **TD** – Teledata, teleradiology [This modifier is designed to be used to track all telehealth services performed and may be used as a secondary modifier.]
- **Effective Date: July 1,1999**



# ASC

## UHIN Standard #29

- **Ambulatory Surgical Centers**
  - identify invoice supplies
- 2 Modifiers:
  - **TZ** - Actual cost of supply billed on an invoice
  - **TW** - Supply not billed at cost (includes organizations' mark up)



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- National Codes lists must become truly national in nature
- Not limited to a payer or a providers' specific needs
- Medicaid codes must be merged into national code lists



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