

# Blanket Rates

FAQ

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# Overview

Blanket rates can be added to the insurance setup as a time saver when adding insurance rates. They eliminate the need to add insurance rates for individual charges when the same rate detail would apply for multiple charges.

A BLANKETRATE charge code comes pre-loaded in the myUnity Essentials Financial database and cannot be altered. The BLANKETRATE charge is a catch-all for all charges not otherwise specified and is not discipline-specific.

In myUnity Essentials v1.2.8.67 or higher, you can now also create Blanket Rates by discipline to increase the flexibility with which blanket rates can be used.

Let's say, for example, a payer doesn't cover supply charges. Rather than enter a rate for every supply charge to indicate they're not covered, a BLANKETRATE07 charge can be setup and entered to indicate a rate that covers all services/supplies within Discipline 07 (Supplies).

For [Room & Board billing](#) on dual eligible patients, you can use a Blanket Rate charge to indicate the R&B charges aren't covered by Medicare so they will flow to the appropriate Medicaid R&B insurance on the Bill Audit.

Blanket Rates can be set at the payer level or at the patient insurance level via the Patient file Insurance tab, Bill Rates sub-tab if negotiated rates have been established for a patient admission.

## Setup

### Creating Charge Codes

Go to **File > File Maintenance > Charge Code**. Click in the **Code** field and press **Add**.

If setting up a Blanket Rate for Supplies, follow the example shown here.

If setting a Blanket Rate for other disciplines, enter the word "BLANKET" followed by the 2-digit discipline number and appropriate Description (Disciplines can be viewed under File > File Maintenance > System Settings, Modality tab).

**Charge:** BLANKET07

**Description:** Blanket Proration Supplies

**Modality:** Non-Billable

**Non-Billable:** check this box

Repeat the steps, adding a new BLANKET charge code for each discipline for which you plan on using Blanket Rates.

The screenshot shows a software interface for creating a charge code. The title bar reads "Charge: BLANKET07 - Blanket Proration Supplies". Below the title bar are four tabs: "Charge", "Bill-Rate", "Pay-Rate", and "Revenue-Codes", with "Charge" selected. The form contains the following fields and controls:

- Code:** A dropdown menu with "BLANKET07" selected.
- Active:** A checked checkbox.
- Description:** A text input field containing "Blanket Proration Supplies".
- Modality:** A dropdown menu with "Non-Visit Time Tracking" selected.
- Non-Billable:** A checked checkbox.

### Adding Blanket Insurance Rates

Go to **File > File Maintenance > Entity**, click **Change Type** and set to **Insurance**.

Find and select the insurance.

Go to the **Ins-Rate** tab.

Click the **Add** button to add a new rate.

In the **Charge-Code** field select the blanket rate code.

In the **Start-Date** field enter an effective date for this rate.

In the **Type** field enter P for Percentage.

In the **Rate** field, enter 0 if not covered by this payer or 100 if covered.

Check the **Allow** box to send non-covered portion to a write-off (Allowance) account instead of to the next active payer if needed. Leave Allow un-checked to send the non-covered dollars to the next active payer.

**Save** changes.

Click the **Delete** button to remove any specific charge codes that are no longer needed as they are now replaced by the blanket rate code.

**Example** of a Medicare hospice payer with blanket rate code that will send all room and board charges to the next payer:

Charge-Description	Charge-Code	Start-Date	End-Date	Type	Rate	Allow
Blanket Proration	BLANKETRATE	1/1/2014		P	0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blanket Proration R&B	BLANKET10	1/1/2014		F	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuous Home Care	CONTINUOUS	1/1/2014	4/30/2020	P	98.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous Home Care	CONTINUOUS	5/1/2020	3/31/2021	P	100.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Continuous Home Care	CONTINUOUS	4/1/2021	12/31/2099	P	98.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Inpatient Home Care	INPATIENT	1/1/2014	4/30/2020	P	98.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Inpatient Home Care	INPATIENT	5/1/2020	3/31/2021	P	100.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Inpatient Home Care	INPATIENT	4/1/2021	12/31/2099	P	98.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respite Home Care	RESPITE	1/1/2014	4/30/2020	P	98.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respite Home Care	RESPITE	5/1/2020	3/31/2021	P	100.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respite Home Care	RESPITE	4/1/2021	12/31/2099	P	98.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Routine Home Care	ROUTINE	1/1/2014	4/30/2020	P	98.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Routine Home Care	ROUTINE	5/1/2020	3/31/2021	P	100.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Routine Home Care	ROUTINE	4/1/2021	12/31/2099	P	98.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service Intensity Add-on	HOSPICESIA	1/1/2016	4/30/2020	P	98.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service Intensity Add-on	HOSPICESIA	5/1/2020	3/31/2021	P	100.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service Intensity Add-on	HOSPICESIA	4/1/2021	12/31/2099	P	100.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Rev-Code:  HCPC/Other:

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