

## Acute Ischemic Stroke Claims Edit to Improve Processing Time Institutional Claim Changes Effective May 2026

Florida Blue continues to make updates to the Availity Essentials™ Gateway to support greater efficiencies. Effective May 16, 2026<sup>1</sup>, we are implementing electronic claim edits for institutional (facility) claims related to the Place of Service (POS) listed on acute ischemic stroke claims. Edits for professional claims were implemented in 2023.

The latest electronic claim edits for institutional claims will enable you and your trading partners to identify and resolve data issues before the claim enters our system. This, in turn, decreases claim holds and eliminates other administrative activities to make the process more efficient.

### What You Need to Know

Electronic claims with a diagnosis related to acute ischemic stroke will be rejected in Availity Essentials if an outpatient setting is indicated. If you are already including the information below in your claims, the claim will be processed as usual.

When the claim is rejected, however, an edit message will appear on the Electronic Batch Report (EBR) detailing how to correctly submit the claim. **To prevent delays, we encourage you and your trading partner to ensure the following information is included on your electronic claims submissions.**

**Edit AP0475** message: “Acute ischemic stroke diagnosis should not be billed in an outpatient setting.”

- This edit applies to institutional and professional claims.
- For institutional claims, the edit will trigger if the Admitting, Principal, Patients Reason for Visit, or Other Diagnosis code is related to an acute ischemic stroke (I63\*) and the bill type indicates an outpatient setting.
- For professional claims, this edit will be triggered when the diagnosis code related to an acute ischemic stroke (I63\*), and the POS is not 20, 21, 23, or 26.
- Check loop/segment 2300 CLM05-1 for the POS code (professional claims) or Facility Type Code (institutional claims).
- Rebill the claim electronically with the most appropriate POS code or a Diagnosis other than I63\*.

If your electronic claims for acute ischemic stroke already include one of the POS codes listed above or appropriate bill type, this change will not impact you. Otherwise, please review your EBR to fix the claims for quicker processing.

If you are unable to remediate by using your EBR, contact Availity Essentials at 1-800-282-4548.

<sup>1</sup>Date subject to change based on Availity Essentials' technical releases.