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Healthy Kids

Important Provider Notice # 0038

Subject: Surgical and Anesthesia Modifier Conversion

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, the following interim modifiers for billing surgical and anesthesia-related drugs and supplies will be end-dated and replaced with HCPCS Level II modifiers to comply with the provisions of HIPAA.

Current Interim Modifiers	Description	HCPCS Level II Modifiers	Description
ZM	Supplies and drugs used in this surgical procedure with other than general anesthesia or no anesthesia	UA	Medicaid level of care 10, as defined by each state To be used for surgical or non-general anesthesia related supplies and drugs, including surgical trays and plaster casting supplies, provided in conjunction with a surgical procedure code.
ZN	Supplies and drugs used in this surgical procedure with general anesthesia. Supplies and parenteral drugs related to rendering the patient completely unconscious.	UB	Medicaid level of care 11, as defined by each state To be used for surgical or general anesthesia related supplies and drugs, including surgical trays and plaster casting supplies, provided in conjunction with a surgical procedure code.

Existing policy for modifiers ZM and ZN will be transferred to their replacement modifiers.

Claims billed using modifier ZM or ZN for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011 will be denied.