



Reimbursement Policy

Subject: Subject: Modifier 63: Procedure Performed on Infants Less Than 4 kg

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09/15/16

Section: **Coding**

*****The most current version of the Reimbursement Policies can be found on our provider website. If you are using a printed version of this policy, please verify the information by going to <https://providers.amerigroup.com>. Under Quick Tools, select Reimbursement Policies > Medicaid/Medicare. Note: State-specific exemptions may apply. Please refer to the Exemptions section below for specific exemptions based on your state. *****

These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claim submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement if the service is covered by a member's Amerigroup benefit plan. The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member's benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis as well as to the member's state of residence. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with CPT codes, HCPCS codes and/or revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to both participating and nonparticipating providers and facilities.

If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current Reimbursement Policies are not followed, Amerigroup may:

- Reject or deny the claim
- Recover and/or recoup claim payment

Amerigroup reimbursement policies are developed based on nationally accepted industry standards and coding principles. These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements. System logic or setup may prevent the loading of policies into the claims platforms in the same manner as described; however, Amerigroup strives to minimize these variations.

Amerigroup reserves the right to review and revise our policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to this site.

Policy

Amerigroup allows reimbursement for surgery on neonates and infants up to a present body weight of 4 kg when billed with Modifier 63 unless provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements indicate otherwise.

	<p>Reimbursement is based on 100 percent of the applicable fee schedule or contracted/negotiated rate for the procedure code when the modifier is valid for services performed. The neonate weight should be documented clearly in the report for the service.</p> <p>When an assistant surgeon is used and/or multiple procedures are performed on neonates or infants less than 4 kg in the same operative session, assistant surgeon and/or multiple procedure rules and fee reductions apply.</p> <p>Nonreimbursable Amerigroup does not allow reimbursement for Modifier 63 billed in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For facility billing • With evaluation and management (E&M) codes • With anesthesia codes • With radiology codes • With pathology/laboratory codes • With medicine codes • With Modifier 63-exempt codes • In addition to Modifier 22 (Unusual Services) for the same procedure code(s) • With codes denoting invasive procedures that include “neonate” or “infant” in the description abnormality, since the reimbursement rate for the code already reflects the additional work
Exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following states do not recognize Modifier 63 as a valid modifier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Florida ○ Georgia • Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. uses Modifier 63 for informational purposes only in accordance with Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) • Amerigroup Louisiana, Inc.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allows the lower of billed charges or 125 percent of the applicable fee schedule amount or contracted/negotiated rate ○ Requires the submission of medical records if additional modifiers are billed with Modifier 63 • Amerigroup Community Care in New Jersey allows 125 percent of the applicable fee schedule amount or contracted/negotiated rate
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial review approved 09/15/16 and effective 09/15/17: Policy language updated; Florida, Georgia and Kansas exemptions

	<p>updated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective 12/31/15: Exited Florida Medicare • Update due to regulatory directive (committee approval not required in accordance with Reimbursement Policy Program Guidelines): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 06/12/14 to add Kansas exemption • Review approved 04/14/14 and effective 02/01/15: Disclaimer updated; Washington exemption removed per Health Plan business decision • Effective 07/01/13: Exited Ohio • Review approved and effective 11/05/12: Washington exemption added • Review approved and effective 06/18/12: Louisiana exemption added • Biennial review approved 06/06/11 and effective 08/05/11: Background and Definitions sections updated; policy template updated. Georgia and New York exemptions added; accountability language updated • Review approved 10/06/08: Background section/policy template updated • Initial committee approval 05/22/06 with effective date of 10/01/06
References and Research Materials	<p>This policy has been developed through consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS • State Medicaid • State contracts • Optum Learning: Understanding Modifiers, 2016 edition
Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifier 63: Procedures performed on neonates and infants up to a present body weight of 4 kg may involve significantly increased complexity and physician or other qualified health care professional work commonly associated with these patients. This circumstance may be reported by adding Modifier 63 to the procedure number • Reimbursement Policy Definitions
Related Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant at Surgery (Modifiers 80/81/82/AS) • Modifier Usage • Multiple and Bilateral Surgery: Professional and Facility Reimbursement
Related Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None