



## Reimbursement Policy

**Subject: Multiple Delivery Services**

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Committee Approval Obtained:  
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Section: **Surgery**

\*\*\*\*\*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 These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements.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 multiple births by a same-delivery or combined-delivery method unless provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements indicate otherwise. For vaginal or Cesarean deliveries involved in multiple births and performed using a same-delivery or combined-delivery method,

	<p>professional reimbursement is based on the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vaginal deliveries</b> — Vaginal deliveries involved in multiple births should be billed with Modifier 51. Multiple procedure guidelines will apply. Please see Multiple and Bilateral Surgery reimbursement policy for more information.</li> <li>• <b>Cesarean deliveries</b> — Cesarean deliveries involved in multiple births should be billed with Modifier 22. Please see Modifier 22 reimbursement policy for more information. Multiple procedure guidelines will not apply.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Exemptions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amerigroup in Florida, in compliance with Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Medicaid Services Coverage and Limitations handbooks, does not allow separate reimbursement for multiple deliveries performed by a vaginal-only delivery method. In a same-delivery or combined-delivery method, Amerigroup in Florida requires Modifier 22 to be billed. Multiple procedure guidelines will not apply.</li> <li>• Amerigroup Kansas, Inc., in compliance with the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP), only reimburses for two deliveries regardless of the delivery method unless Modifier 59 is appended appropriately. Multiple procedure guidelines will not apply. For combined-delivery methods, only one delivery of each method will be reimbursed.</li> <li>• Amerigroup Community Care in Maryland, in compliance with the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, applies multiple procedure guidelines for reimbursement of multiple births involving cesarean deliveries performed using a same-delivery or combined-delivery method.</li> </ul>
<p><b>History</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective 02/01/18: Policy template updated</li> <li>• Effective 09/15/17: Louisiana exemption removed</li> <li>• Biennial review approved and effective 03/08/17: Policy language updated; Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, and Nevada exemptions added</li> <li>• Effective 12/31/15: Exited Florida Medicare</li> <li>• Effective 12/31/14: Exited Maryland Medicare</li> <li>• Effective 12/31/13: Exited New Mexico (NOTE: We are still in for Medicare)</li> <li>• Effective 07/01/13: Exited Ohio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Effective 11/14/08: Policy template updated</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review approved and effective 07/08/09: Policy language updated; South Carolina exemption removed; New Mexico exemption added; Policy template updated</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial approval and effective date: 07/17/06</li> </ul>
<b>References and Research Materials</b>	<p>This policy has been developed through consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMS</li> <li>State Medicaid</li> <li>Amerigroup state contracts</li> </ul>
<b>Definitions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reimbursement Policy Definitions</b></li> </ul>
<b>Related Policies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistant at Surgery (Modifier 80/81/82/AS)</li> <li>Distinct Procedural Services (Modifiers 59, XE, XP, XS, XU)</li> <li>Maternity Services</li> <li>Modifier 22: Increased Procedural Service</li> <li>Modifier 25: Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service</li> <li>Modifier Usage</li> <li>Multiple and Bilateral Surgery: Professional and Facility Reimbursement</li> <li>Professional Anesthesia Services</li> </ul>
<b>Related Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>