



## Reimbursement Policy

**Subject: Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Services**

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**04/24/20**

Section:  
**Administration**

\*\*\*\*\*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. 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 These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements.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**

We allow reimbursement for services provided by Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Physician Assistant (PA) providers. Unless provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements indicate otherwise, reimbursement is based upon all of the following:

- Service is considered a physician's service

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service is within the scope of practice</li> <li>• A payment reduction consistent with CMS reimbursement</li> </ul> <p>Services furnished by the NP or PA should be submitted with their own NPI.</p>
<b>History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial policy approved and effective <b>04/24/20</b></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>• Optum 360EncoderPro 2019</li> </ul>
<b>Definitions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Modifier SA:</b> Nurse Practitioner rendering service in collaboration with a physician</li> <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>• Modifier Usage</li> <li>• Scope of Practice</li> </ul>
<b>Related Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit A: Market NP &amp; PA Reimbursement</li> </ul>

**EXHIBIT A: MARKET NP & PA REIMBURSEMENT**

Market	NP & PA Reimbursement Percentage Physician Fee Schedule			SA Modifier
	NP	PA	Note	
Georgia	90%	GBD Standard		No
Maryland	GBD Standard	GBD Standard		No
New Jersey	GBD Standard	GBD Standard		No
Tennessee	GBD Standard	GBD Standard		Yes
Texas	92% Medical 100% Lab/X-ray/Injections	92% Medical 100% Lab/X-ray/Injections		Yes
Washington	100%	100%		No

Government Business Division (GBD) standard is based on CMS reimbursement guidelines.