

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

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	<b>Purpose:</b>	<b>Provider Bulletin: Anesthesia Billing Reminder</b>
	<b>Subject:</b>	Anesthesia Billing Modifiers
	<b>Products:</b>	FHK/MMA
	<b>From:</b>	<b><u>Provider Relations - Medicaid</u></b>

Dear Provider,

The purpose of this notice is to advise you of the proper modifiers for anesthesia services.

Please review the attached document with all the details of the modifiers that should be used when billing anesthesia services.

We appreciate your continued service to our members. For additional information please feel free to contact us via e-mail [FLMedicaidProviderRelations@aetna.com](mailto:FLMedicaidProviderRelations@aetna.com), fax 1-844-235-1340 or speak to a Provider Relations Representative: (MMA) 1-800-441-5501, (LTC) 1-844-645-7371, or (FHK) 1-844-528-5815.

Sincerely,

Provider Relations

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## Anesthesia Billing Modifiers

Dear Aetna Provider,

Services that involve administration of anesthesia should be reported by the use of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) anesthesia five-digit procedure codes, American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) or CPT surgical codes plus a modifier. Aetna Better Health of Florida will require that appropriate anesthesia modifier be filed on anesthesia services.

Each provider should use the appropriate modifier. An anesthesiologist, CRNA or Anesthesiology Assistant (AA) can provide anesthesia services. The anesthesiologist, CRNA or AA can bill separately for anesthesia services personally performed. When an anesthesiologist provides medical direction to a CRNA or AA, both the anesthesiologist and the CRNA/AA should bill for the appropriate component of the procedure performed.

Please review the below charts for appropriate anesthesia coding:

<b>REQUIRED MODIFIERS</b>		
<b>Modifier Information Billed by an Anesthesiologist</b>	AA	Anesthesia services personally performed by the anesthesiologist
	AD	Supervision, more than four procedures
	QK	Medical Direction of two, three or four concurrent anesthesia procedures
	QY	Medical Direction of one CRNA by an anesthesiologist
<b>Modifier Information Billed by a CRNA or Anesthesiology Assistant</b>	QX	Anesthesia, CRNA or Anesthesiology Assistant, medically directed
	QZ	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) without medical direction by a physician

<b>AS APPROPRIATE MODIFIERS</b>	
QS	Monitored anesthesiology care services
G8	Monitored anesthesia care (MAC) for deep complex, complicated, or markedly invasive surgical procedure
G9	Monitored anesthesia care (MAC) for patient who has history of severe cardiopulmonary condition
78	Unplanned return to the operating room, related procedure

<b>INFORMATIONAL MODIFIERS</b>			
			<b>Unit Value(s)</b>
<b>Physical Status Modifiers</b> – to be billed by anesthesiologist, CRNA, or Anesthesiology Assistant	P1	A normal healthy person	0
	P2	A patient with mild systemic disease	0
	P3	A patient with severe systemic disease	1
	P4	A patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life	2
	P5	A moribund patient who is not expected to survive without the operation	3
	P6	A declared brain dead patient whose organs are being removed for donor purposes	0

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**Note:** The codes referenced in the information above are subject to changes made by the owner of the code set (i.e. CPT, HCPCS, Revenue Codes, etc).

**Claims submitted without the appropriate modifiers for anesthesia services are subject for denial.**

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