

PROVIDER BULLETIN

PROVIDER INFORMATION



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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Reimbursement Policy Updates

The information below applies to MHCP members enrolled in the following programs:

- Families and Children
- Minnesota Care (MNCare)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)
- Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO)

Professional Anesthesia Services

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) has revised the Professional Anesthesia Services policy in response to feedback from the provider community. Modifiers QK, QX and QY will no longer take a 50% reduction upon adjudication. Anesthesia services provided by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist have already had the reduction taken into account in the fee schedule development process. This policy will be retroactively effective to January 1, 2019.

Modifier 25: Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service

Blue Cross has revised the Modifier 25 policy to include language indicating separate reimbursement for evaluation and management (E&M) services performed on the same day as a major surgery (90-day global period) are not allowed. This policy will be posted and effective October 1, 2019.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact Blue Cross Provider Services at **1-866-518-8448**.