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## Billing of Multiple Anesthesia Services

**This is a reminder to providers about the correct billing procedure to follow when two or more anesthesia services are performed during the same period of hospitalization.**

The Department of Human Services reviewed claims for multiple anesthesia services performed by the same anesthesiologist and provided to the same Medical Assistance (MA) beneficiary during the same period of hospitalization and found that providers had submitted claims for multiple anesthesia services on separate invoices.

MA policy set forth at 55 Pa.Code § 1150.52(c) states that, “When two or more surgical procedures are performed and anesthesia is provided by the same anesthesiologist during the same period of hospitalization, the anesthesiologist will be reimbursed at 100% for the highest allowable payment for one procedure and 25% for the second highest paying procedure, with no payment for additional procedures.”

In accordance with this policy, providers are directed to bill all anesthesia services performed by the same anesthesiologist during the same period of hospitalization on a single professional claim submission for anesthesia services. Providers are also instructed to list the anesthesia service with the highest fee on the first claim line and the anesthesia service with the next highest fee on the second claim line, etc.

Providers should refer to their respective billing guides for further billing procedures. Failure to bill correctly for multiple anesthesia services may cause the claims(s) to be denied or paid incorrectly and will result in the recoupment of MA payments made in error.

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