

# UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: August 2021

Updated		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
Anesthesia Policy Professional	09/01/2021	<p>In order to better align with CMS guidelines and industry standards, the Medicare Advantage Anesthesia Services Policy, Professional has been updated to include additional detail regarding Medicare Advantage anesthesia payment policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added Table of Contents and section breaks with bookmarks</li> <li>• Removed Codes section with code detail moved to new Modifiers section.</li> <li>• Updated Reimbursement Formula section to include two new Q&amp;A references.</li> <li>• Added new section break for Multiple or Duplicate Anesthesia Services.</li> <li>• Updated Duplicate Anesthesia services section with guidelines for anesthesia service provided during a different operative session on the same day as a previous operative session.</li> <li>• Added new section break for Preoperative/Postoperative Visits.</li> <li>• Added new section for Payment for Medical and Surgical Services Furnished in Addition to Anesthesia Procedure, including CMS reporting guidelines.</li> <li>• Questions and Answers section updated with five additional scenarios.</li> </ul>

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**Note:** The absence of a policy does not automatically indicate or imply coverage. As always, coverage for a health service must be determined in accordance with the member’s benefit plan and any applicable federal or state regulatory requirements.



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