

UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: February 2021

Reminder		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Reminder Summary
Assistant-at-Surgery Services Policy, Professional	02/01/2021	<p>Per CMS claims processing manual guidelines and UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Assistant-at-Surgery Reimbursement policy, professional, the correct coding guidelines for assistant-at-surgery modifiers are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claims for Assistant-at-Surgery services that were performed by a physician should be submitted with identical procedure code(s) as the primary surgeon with modifiers 80, 81 or 82. • Claims for Assistant-at-Surgery services that were performed by Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Physician Assistant (PA) should submit claims with identical procedure code(s) as the primary surgeon with modifier AS.
Updated		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
None		No updated policies this month
Revised		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
None		No revised policies this month

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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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