

July 19, 2016

Billing Clarification: Assistant Surgeon Billing

To ensure proper adjudication of assistant surgeon claims, please ensure the following is correct when billing on the CMS 1500 claim form:

- Minutes must be reported in box 24G.
- Time entry on claims must be in minute format (e.g., for 1 hour 10 min, enter '0070').
- The appropriate modifier must be used (80, 81, 82, AS) and billed in the first modifier field.

Example CMS 1500 claim form:

A. M19 041		B. _____	C. _____	D. _____	1. _____		23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER				
E. _____		F. _____	G. _____	H. _____	I. _____		J. _____				
K. _____		L. _____		M. _____		N. _____		O. _____			
4. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE				B. PLACE OF SERVICE	C. EMG	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances)		E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER	F. \$ CHARGES	G. DAYS OF SERVICE	H. SPRING AND FALL
SM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER				Per
03	01	16	03	01	16	22	26531 AS P7	A	1704	45	105

If you have any questions regarding this billing clarification, please contact your Provider Relations representative.