

## ANESTHESIA COMPLICATED BY EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

Policy # 62

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2. Policies outline coverage determinations for SelectHealth Commercial, SelectHealth Advantage (Medicare), and SelectHealth Community Care (Medicaid) plans. Refer to the "Policy" section for more information.

### Description

Add-on procedure 99140 is: 'Anesthesia complicated by emergency conditions.' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) parenthetical guidelines define an emergency as existing: "... when delay in treatment of the patient would lead to a significant increase in the threat to life or body part." Procedure 99140 is designated as a 'B' status code in the Centers for Medicare Services (CMS) National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS). The 'B' status indicates the code is bundled or included in the services they are 'incident to' so there is no separate payment made due to emergency conditions for CMS. The payment is included in the anesthesia services.

### Commercial Plan Policy

SelectHealth **will treat CPT code 99140 as a 'B' status** code which means it will be denied as a bundled procedure and not reimbursed separately.

Effective 1/1/2016, SelectHealth will reimburse 99140 separately if done for a surgery that is considered an emergency per the definition above.

### SelectHealth Advantage (Medicare/CMS)

SelectHealth Advantage considers code 99140 a 'B' Status code and has not assigned them any RVUs. 'B' status indicates that **these codes are considered bundled and not paid separately.**

### SelectHealth Community Care (Medicaid)

SelectHealth Community Care considers CPT 99140 a Non-covered service.

### Applicable Code(s)

Code	Description
99140	Anesthesia complicated by emergency conditions (specify) (List separately in addition to code for primary anesthesia procedure)

### Sources

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