

SUPERVISED ANESTHESIA

Policy # 75

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Revision Dates:

Disclaimer:

1. Policies are subject to change without notice.
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

Anesthesia is the administration of drugs or anesthetic agents by an Anesthesiologist or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) to relieve pain and/or induce partial or total loss of sensation and/or consciousness during a medical or surgical procedure. Supervised anesthesia will be performed at times when the physician will provide a qualified anesthetist (CRNA) with medical direction and oversight while providing anesthesia services. Physicians may supervise a single CRNA providing anesthesia or they may provide medical direction and oversight to as many as 4 concurrent procedures. When supervised anesthesia is provided, specific modifiers will be added to the procedure codes to designate the physician was supervising (QK, QY) or that the CRNA was being supervised while providing anesthesia services (QX). If the CRNA is medically directed, pay 50% of the allowable charge; deductible and coinsurance apply.

Commercial Plan Policy

SelectHealth follows the CMS policy in applying a reduction in payment (50%) of the allowed amount for anesthesia services submitted with modifiers QK, QX, and QY, due to the shared anesthesia services provided.

SelectHealth Advantage (Medicare/CMS)

SelectHealth Advantage will follow the commercial plan policy.

SelectHealth Community Care (Medicaid)

SelectHealth Community Care will follow the commercial plan policy.

Billing/Coding Information

CPT CODES

00100–01999 Anesthesia codes

Modifiers

AA	Anesthesia services performed personally by anesthesiologist
AD	Medical supervision by a physician: more than 4 concurrent anesthesia procedures
QK	Medical direction of 2, 3, or 4 concurrent anesthesia procedures involving qualified individuals

QX	CRNA service: with medical direction by a physician
QY	Medical direction of one certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) by an anesthesiologist

HCPCS CODES

No specific codes identified

ICD-10 CODES

Too numerous to list

Key References

1. *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®)*, (2017) – American Medical Association
https://www.encoderpro.com/epro/physicianDoc/pdf/i9v1/i9_guidelines.pdf
2. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>
3. Physicians/Nonphysician Practitioners Chapter 12 (Rev. 2914, March 25, 2014) Medicare Claims Processing Manual Retrieved March 16, 2017, from <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

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