

## **SUPERVISED ANESTHESIA**

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1. Policies are subject to change without notice.
2. Policies outline coverage determinations for Select Health Commercial, Select Health Advantage (Medicare/CMS), and Select Health Community Care (Medicaid/CHIP) 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 AND CHIP (CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM)**

Select Health 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.

**SELECT HEALTH ADVANTAGE (MEDICARE/CMS)**

Select Health Advantage will follow the commercial plan policy.

**SELECT HEALTH COMMUNITY CARE (MEDICAID)**

Select Health 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

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| <b>QK</b> | Medical direction of 2, 3, or 4 concurrent anesthesia procedures involving qualified individuals |
| <b>QX</b> | CRNA service: with medical direction by a physician  |
| <b>QY</b> | 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

### **Sources**

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