

Policy Name	Multiple Procedures
<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>This policy addresses the processing of claims when the same physician performs multiple surgical procedures on the same date of service.</p> <p>Many surgical services can be rendered by different methods and a combination of various procedures. Multiple codes describing a service are often necessary to accurately reflect the services performed.</p> <p>Multiple procedures performed by the same physician on the same date of service will be subject to the multiple procedure reduction policy.</p> <p>Medica uses CMS multiple procedure indicators for CPT and HCPCS codes as the basis for determining procedures eligible for multiple procedure reductions.</p> <p>Multiple procedure reductions apply to bilateral procedures, procedures with multiple units, procedures performed by an assistant surgeon, and multiple endoscopic procedures.</p> <p>The standard method of reductions for multiple procedures is that the primary/major procedure is reimbursed at 100% of the allowable amount, the secondary procedure is reimbursed at 50% of the allowable amount and all subsequent procedures are reimbursed at 50% of the allowable amount. Reductions are based on the CMS assigned Relative Value Unit. Codes without RVU's are referred for clinical review.</p>
<p><b>Related Coding Information</b></p>	<p><b>51 Modifier: <i>Multiple Procedures</i></b>            This modifier is for informational use only. Medica assesses codes that are eligible for multiple procedure reduction; therefore the modifier is not necessary.</p>
<p><b>Resources</b></p>	<p><b>Related Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple Procedures Reduction Eligible List</li> <li>• Multiple Procedures No Reduction List</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)</li> <li>• Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)</li> <li>• National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS)</li> </ul>

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