

Payment Policy Updates December 2021

The following payment policies received their annual review with no changes to policy content:

- Anesthesia Guidelines
- Anesthesia Modifiers
- Drugs Administered in a Physician Office
- Modifier 51 Multiple Procedures
- Modifier 90 Reference (Outside) Laboratory
- Multiple Diagnostic Ophthalmology Services Reduction

The following payment policies received their annual review with the changes noted below:

- Allergen Immunotherapy (95165) Unit Limits
 - Removed Office visit codes.
- Contract Exclusions/Disallowed Charges-Inpatient and Outpatient Facility Services
 - In response to provider requests, expanded and clarified the policy content to reflect non-reimbursable services more accurately.
- Drug Assay Services/Urine Drug Testing
 - Revised the opening paragraphs of the Definitive/Quantitative Drug Class section in the policy.
- Hospital or Hospital System Readmissions
 - Added back exceptions that were inadvertently removed from the prior policy update including newborn/neonatal care, infants (children less than 12 months old), and pediatric oncology.
- Maternity Services
 - Clarified the description under delivery including postpartum care section of the policy to identify what services are included.

Log into the secure provider portal to view the full policy details.