# Payment Policy

## Title
Modifier 63 – Procedure performed on Infants less then 4kg

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10/01/07

## Replaces
N/A

## Cross Reference
Modifier 22 – Increased procedural services

Coverage of any service is determined by a member’s eligibility, benefit limits for the service or services rendered and the application of the Plan’s Medical Policy. Final payment is subject to the application of claims adjudication edits common to the industry and the Plan’s professional services claims coding policies. Reimbursement is restricted to the provider's scope of practice as well as the fee schedule applicable to that provider.

## Purpose
To define when the Plan recognizes surgical services appended with Modifier 63.

## Scope
Applies to all Company lines of business and products with the exception of Medicare Advantage.

## Policy
The Plan recognizes Modifier 63 appended to a service to indicate that specific surgical procedures were performed on neonates and infants weighing less than 4 kilograms (kg).

Use of this modifier indicates a significant increase in the complexity of work rendered to an infant less than 4 kg at the time the service was rendered. Modifier 22 is not appropriate for use with services rendered to an infant or neonate weighing less than 4kg at the time of service.

Unless otherwise designated, Modifier 63 may only be appended to procedures/services in the code range 20005-69990. This modifier should not be appended to any Evaluation and Management (E&M) service or any code(s) in the Anesthesiology, Radiology, Laboratory/Pathology or Medicine sections in the CPT Codebook.

Refer to Appendix F of the current AMA/CPT code book, for a listing of codes exempt from the use of Modifier 63.

## Violations of Policy
Violations of this policy by any party that enters into a written arrangement with the Plan may result in increased auditing and monitoring, performance guarantee contractual penalties and/or termination of the contract. Disciplinary actions will be determined in Plan’s sole discretion.

Violations of this policy may be grounds for corrective action, up to and including termination of employment.

## Exceptions
None

## Laws, Regulations & Standards

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