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# Code Edit Bulletin For Health Care Professionals

We routinely review and update clinical, reimbursement, and administrative policies, as well as code editing and medical coverage positions. This document provides information about updates that were effective on August 19, 2013.

To view new and updated policies in their entirety, please log in to the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website at ([CignaforHCP.com](http://CignaforHCP.com) > Useful Links > Policies and Procedures > Claim Editing Policies and Procedures).

| Topic   | Update   |             |           |             |           |             |           |             |           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |
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| <b>ClaimCheck®</b>  | <p>We currently use ClaimCheck®, a code auditing software, to expedite accurate claim processing. Please be aware of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On August 19, 2013, our ClaimCheck software was updated to Knowledge Base Version 51 and NCCI Version 19.1 Column 1/Column 2 (incidental) and Mutually Exclusive code edits for all medical claims billed on a HCFA 1500 claim form and processed by Cigna.</li> </ul>  |             |           |             |           |             |           |             |           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| <b>Qualitative Drug Screens</b>   | <p>Effective August 19, 2013, we aligned with the Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid (CMS) in requiring the use of either G0431 or G0434 for the billing of qualitative drug screens. Both codes G0431 and G0434 will be eligible for one (1) unit of reimbursement per date of service.</p> <p>CPT® codes 80100, 80101, and 80104 will no longer be eligible for reimbursement; charges associated with these codes will be denied.</p>  |             |           |             |           |             |           |             |           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| <b>Modifier 59 Documentation Requirement Policy – Update with Additional Code Pairs</b> | <p>We require supporting clinical documentation in the use of Modifier 59 for a group of select National Correct Coding Initiatives (NCCI) edits. The documentation should substantiate the use of Modifier 59 in requesting separate reimbursement. This documentation should be supplied with the initial claim. We are adding 49 code pairs to the existing list. The code pairs that are being added are:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Denied Code</th> <th>Paid Code</th> <th>Denied Code</th> <th>Paid Code</th> <th>Denied Code</th> <th>Paid Code</th> <th>Denied Code</th> <th>Paid Code</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>64415</td><td>00450</td><td>64416</td><td>01630</td><td>64445</td><td>01480</td><td>64448</td><td>01480</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01400</td><td>64416</td><td>01638</td><td>64447</td><td>01320</td><td>64450</td><td>01400</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01480</td><td>64416</td><td>01710</td><td>64447</td><td>01392</td><td>64450</td><td>01402</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01610</td><td>64416</td><td>01740</td><td>64447</td><td>01400</td><td>64450</td><td>01464</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01620</td><td>64416</td><td>01810</td><td>64447</td><td>01402</td><td>64450</td><td>01470</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01630</td><td>64416</td><td>01830</td><td>64447</td><td>01464</td><td>64450</td><td>01472</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01638</td><td>64445</td><td>01320</td><td>64447</td><td>01470</td><td>64450</td><td>01480</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01710</td><td>64445</td><td>01392</td><td>64447</td><td>01472</td><td>64450</td><td>01630</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01740</td><td>64445</td><td>01400</td><td>64447</td><td>01480</td><td>64450</td><td>01810</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01810</td><td>64445</td><td>01402</td><td>64448</td><td>01320</td><td>64450</td><td>01830</td></tr> <tr><td>64415</td><td>01830</td><td>64445</td><td>01464</td><td>64448</td><td>01392</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>64416</td><td>00450</td><td>64445</td><td>01470</td><td>64448</td><td>01400</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>64416</td><td>01610</td><td>64445</td><td>01472</td><td>64448</td><td>01402</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Note:</b> Claims containing a code combination requiring supporting documentation that meets all Modifier 59 policy requirements will be processed considering both codes of the code combination separately.</p> | Denied Code | Paid Code | Denied Code | Paid Code | Denied Code | Paid Code | Denied Code | Paid Code | 64415 | 00450 | 64416 | 01630 | 64445 | 01480 | 64448 | 01480 | 64415 | 01400 | 64416 | 01638 | 64447 | 01320 | 64450 | 01400 | 64415 | 01480 | 64416 | 01710 | 64447 | 01392 | 64450 | 01402 | 64415 | 01610 | 64416 | 01740 | 64447 | 01400 | 64450 | 01464 | 64415 | 01620 | 64416 | 01810 | 64447 | 01402 | 64450 | 01470 | 64415 | 01630 | 64416 | 01830 | 64447 | 01464 | 64450 | 01472 | 64415 | 01638 | 64445 | 01320 | 64447 | 01470 | 64450 | 01480 | 64415 | 01710 | 64445 | 01392 | 64447 | 01472 | 64450 | 01630 | 64415 | 01740 | 64445 | 01400 | 64447 | 01480 | 64450 | 01810 | 64415 | 01810 | 64445 | 01402 | 64448 | 01320 | 64450 | 01830 | 64415 | 01830 | 64445 | 01464 | 64448 | 01392 |  |  | 64416 | 00450 | 64445 | 01470 | 64448 | 01400 |  |  | 64416 | 01610 | 64445 | 01472 | 64448 | 01402 |  |  |
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**Key requirements of the Modifier 59 documentation requirement include:**

- Append modifier 59 to the denied code as identified on the list; and
- Submit supporting clinical documentation with the initial claim which substantiates the service being paid separately; and
- If the claim is being submitted electronically, follow the electronic claim submission directions as outlined below.

Claims should continue to be submitted electronically to us, even if supporting documentation is required. Indicate in the PWK (Claim Supplemental Information) segment of Loop 2300 of the electronic claim that the documentation will be sent through another channel.

The indicators on the electronic claim includes the delivery method (PWK02) for sending the attachment (e.g., fax, mail), as well as the description code (PWK01) for the type of attachment (e.g., physician report, operative notes). The attachment indicators or a text reference to an attachment should not be placed in the NTE (Claim Note) segment of Loop 2300 of the electronic claim. Please note that we will not recognize that attachments were sent if the indicator or other attachment reference is sent in the NTE segment of Loop 2300 of the electronic claim.

Please work with your electronic data interchange (EDI) vendor to be sure the appropriate fields on the electronic claim are completed. Supporting documentation can be either faxed to us at 1. 859.410.2422 or sent by mail to the Cigna address on the back of the patient's ID card.

**Criteria for use of Modifier 59 for new code pairs requiring supporting documentation (Nerve blocks and global anesthesia code) as outlined in the CMS NCCI Manual, Chapter 2:**

- Postoperative pain management services are generally provided by the surgeon who is reimbursed under a global payment policy related to the procedure and shall not be reported by the anesthesia practitioner unless separate services are required that cannot be rendered by the surgeon.
- Under certain circumstances, an anesthesia practitioner may separately report a peripheral nerve block injection for postoperative pain management when the surgeon requests assistance with postoperative pain management.
- CPT codes 64400-64530 (Peripheral nerve blocks – bolus injection or continuous infusion) may be reported by the anesthesia practitioner on the date of surgery if performed for postoperative pain management only if the operative anesthesia is general anesthesia, subarachnoid injection, or epidural injection and the adequacy of the intraoperative anesthesia is not dependent on the peripheral nerve block.
- Peripheral nerve block codes should not be reported separately on the same date of service as a surgical procedure if they are used as the primary anesthetic technique or as a supplement to the primary anesthetic technique. Modifier 59 must be utilized to indicate that a peripheral nerve block injection was performed for postoperative pain management, rather than intraoperative anesthesia. A procedure note should also be included in the medical record.

**What documentation should the anesthesia practitioner submit to us?**

Documentation supporting the use of the Modifier 59 should be submitted to identify that the peripheral nerve block was rendered ONLY for post-operative pain management and that it is unrelated to the anesthesia provided for the surgery itself. **The documentation is required with the initial claim submission.**

For more details, please view the Modifier 59 Policy on the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website at ([CignaforHCP.com](http://CignaforHCP.com) > Resources > Clinical Reimbursement Policies and Payment Policies > Modifiers and Reimbursement Policies).



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