

SURGERY AND ANESTHESIA

The Department shall apply the following requirements to programs authorizing surgery and anesthesia:

SURGERY

When two or more surgical procedures are performed by the same provider during the same period of hospitalization, the provider shall only be reimbursed for the procedure carrying the highest fee, plus 25% of the next highest reimbursable procedure. There shall be no payment for additional procedures.

Fees for post-operative care are included in the fee set for surgical services and procedures.

The maximum payment to an assistant surgeon shall be an amount equal to 20% of the maximum payment made to the surgeon.

ANESTHESIA

The Department will only pay for anesthesia services provided in the following places: inpatient hospital, short procedure unit, hospital emergency room, dentist office, or dental clinic.

The provider shall not be reimbursed for local anesthesia provided by a physician or dentist.

When two or more surgical procedures are performed and anesthesia is provided by the anesthesiologist during those procedures the anesthesiologist shall only be reimbursed at the rate described above under "Surgery."