

Balance Billing Reimbursement Rulemaking Advisory Committee August 29, 2018



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Agenda

- Anesthesia formula
- Non-anesthesia formula
- Modifiers
- Comments on regulatory text

Anesthesia Formula

(Base units + Time units + Physical status units)

X

Conversion factor

X

Q modifier adjustment

X

CPI adjustment

Anesthesia Formula

Conversion Factors	
Rating Area	Median CF
1	\$68.00
2	\$70.40
3	\$67.85
4	\$75.88
5	\$68.00
6	\$66.17
7	\$70.77

Physical Status Units	
P3	1 unit
P4	2 units
P5	3 units

CPI Adjustment	
Jan 2015 to July 2018	107.83%

Q Modifiers	
QK	50%
QX	50%
QY	50%

Non-Anesthesia Formula

Base rate

x

Modifier adjustment

x

CPI adjustment

Modifiers

Resources

- CMS-1676-F

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-15/pdf/2017-23953.pdf>

- Medicare Claims Processing Manual

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

TABLE 2—APPLICATION OF PAYMENT MODIFIERS TO UTILIZATION FILES

Modifier	Description	Volume adjustment	Time
80,81,82	Assistant at Surgery	16%	Intraoperat
AS	Assistant at Surgery—Physician Assistant.	14% (85% * 16%)	Intraoperat
50 or LT and RT	Bilateral Surgery	150%	150% of w
51	Multiple Procedure	50%	Intraoperat
52	Reduced Services	50%	50%.
53	Discontinued Procedure	50%	50%.
54	Intraoperative Care only	Preoperative + Intraoperative Percentages on the payment files used by Medicare contractors to process Medicare claims.	Preoperativ Intraoper
55	Postoperative Care only	Postoperative Percentage on the payment files used by Medicare contractors to process Medicare claims.	Postoperat
62	Co-surgeons	62.5%	50%.
66	Team Surgeons	33%	33%.

Comments on Regulatory Text

Fiscal Impact Questions