

NOTICE OF MATERIAL CHANGE TO CONTRACT



December 1, 2017

Re: Professional Reimbursement Policy Changes and supporting claims editing notification for CMS-1500 submitters

Dear Provider:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and our subsidiary company, HMO Colorado (Anthem), is writing to inform you of our new and/or revised reimbursement policies, and to document the new and/or updated rules and edits in our ClaimsXten editing software.

New Claims Processing Edits and Reimbursement Policies

Scope of License (Professional)

Beginning March 1, 2018, Anthem will implement a new policy regarding reimbursement for services or procedures performed outside the scope of a provider's license. If a provider performs a service or procedure that is outside of the provider's scope of license, reimbursement may be denied. For additional details, please refer to the full reimbursement policy: *Scope of License*.

Updates to Claims Processing Edits and Reimbursement Policies

E/M and Related Modifiers 25 and 57 (Professional)

For claims processed on and after March 1, 2018, Evaluation and Management (E/M) Services that are eligible for separate reimbursement when reported by the same provider on the same day as a minor surgery ("0" or "10" day global period) will be reduced by 50%. As a reminder, please review the guidelines on reporting Modifier 25 in Anthem's reimbursement policy. For additional details, please refer to the full reimbursement policy: *E/M and Related Modifiers 25 and 57*

Professional Reimbursement Policies are available on the Availity Portal:

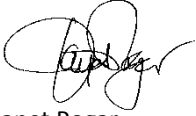
The new and/or updated policies will be available online December 1, 2017. All professional Reimbursement Policies are located on the secure provider portal, Availity. Please go to Availity.com. Once logged in, select **Payer Spaces**, and choose the **Anthem icon**. Under **Applications**, select **Education and Reference Center**, then **Administrative Support**, and **Professional Reimb & Admin Policies**. You will be directed to Anthem's Professional Reimbursement and Administrative Policies overview page; select **Continue**. Select link titled "**Anthem's Professional Reimbursement & Administrative Policies – By Type**", choose the **Reimbursement** link, and next the Policy you would like to view.

Clear Claim Connection

On the date the new edit becomes effective, Clear Claim Connection, our web-based editing tool, will be updated to incorporate the new editing rules outlined above and will include an interface that will allow you to view the clinical rationale for the edit when you enter claim scenarios. If you have not used Clear Claim Connection previously, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to access this user-friendly tool to explore the ClaimsXten edits. Clear Claim Connection is also located on the Availity Portal. Follow the directions listed above to log into Availity.com. Once logged in, select **Payer Spaces**, and choose the **Anthem icon**. Under **Applications**, select **Clear Claim Connection**.

Thank you for your attention to this update. We value and appreciate you as our partner in providing quality care. If you have any questions, please call your Provider Solutions representative. We appreciate your continued participation in our network.

Sincerely,



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