

Modifier 47 - Anesthesia By Surgeon

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Last update includes payment policy changes, subject to 28 TAC §3.3703(a)(20)(D)? No

If yes, Texas Last Update Effective Date: n/a

Policy #: RPM031

Scope

Companies: Moda Partners, Inc. and its subsidiaries & affiliates (All)

Provider Contract Status: Any

Claim Forms: CMS1500 & CMS1450 (paper and electronic versions)

Claim Dates: All

Reimbursement Guidelines

Anesthesia provided by the surgeon is included in the global allowance for the surgical procedure. No additional allowance is made for the use of modifier 47.

Separate reporting for moderate conscious sedation services (CPT codes 99151-99152) is allowed when provided by same physician performing a medical or surgical procedure. Separate reimbursement for moderate conscious sedation depends upon whether or not the fee allowance for the claim is based upon a 2017 or later fee schedule, and which surgical codes are reported. For more information, see “Moderate (Conscious) Sedation.” Moda Health Reimbursement Policy Manual, RPM048.

The use of modifier 47 does not bypass any bundling or clinical editing.

Modifier 47 is considered invalid when appended to CPT codes describing anesthesia services (00100-01999).

Definitions

Acronyms/Abbreviations

Acronym	Definition
AMA	American Medical Association
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
RPM	Reimbursement Policy Manual (e.g., in context of “RPM052” policy number, etc.)

Modifier Definitions

Modifier	Modifier Description & Definition
Modifier 47	Anesthesia by Surgeon: Regional or general anesthesia provided by the surgeon may be reported by adding modifier 47 to the basic service. (This does not include local anesthesia.) Note: Modifier 47 would not be used as a modifier for the anesthesia procedures.

Related Policies

- A. [“Moda Health Reimbursement Policy Overview.”](#) Moda Health Reimbursement Policy Manual, RPM001.
- B. [“Moderate \(Conscious\) Sedation.”](#) Moda Health Reimbursement Policy Manual, RPM048.

Resources

1. CMS. *National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual*. Chapter 1 General Correct Coding Policies, § C, 2.
2. CMS. “Anesthesia Service Included in the Surgical Procedure.” *National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual*. Chapter 1 General Correct Coding Policies, § G.

3. CMS. *National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual*. Chapter 2 Anesthesia Services, § B, 3.
4. American Medical Association. "Summary of CPT Codes That Include Moderate (Conscious) Sedation." *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Appendix G*. Chicago: AMA Press.

Policy History

Reminder: The most current version of our reimbursement policies can be found on our provider website. If you are using a printed or saved electronic version of this policy, please verify the current information by going to: https://www.modahealth.com/medical/policies_reimburse.shtml

Date	Summary of Update
4/9/2025	Acronyms & Related Policies updated. Formatting updates. No policy changes.
6/12/2024	Formatting updates. No policy changes.
8/9/2023	Formatting updates. No policy changes.
7/13/2022	Formatting updates. No policy changes.
8/14/2013	Policy document initially approved by the Reimbursement Administrative Policy Review Committee & initial publication.
1/1/2000	Original Effective Date (with or without formal documentation). Policy based on CMS policy for anesthesia performed by the surgeon.