



Reimbursement Policy

Subject: Multiple Radiology Payment Reduction

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Section: **Radiology**

*****The most current version of the reimbursement policies can be found on our provider website. If you are using a printed version of this policy, please verify the information by going to <https://providers.amerigroup.com>. Under Quick Tools, select Reimbursement Policies > Medicaid. Note: State-specific exemptions may apply. Please refer to the Exemptions section below for specific exemptions based on your state.*****

These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claim submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement if the service is covered by a member's Amerigroup benefit plan. The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member's benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis as well as to the member's state of residence. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with CPT® codes, HCPCS codes and/or revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to both participating and nonparticipating providers and facilities.

If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current reimbursement policies are not followed, Amerigroup may:

- Reject or deny the claim.
- Recover and/or recoup claim payment.

Amerigroup reimbursement policies are developed based on nationally accepted industry standards and coding principles. These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements. System logic or setup may prevent the loading of policies into the claims platforms in the same manner as described; however, Amerigroup strives to minimize these variations.

Amerigroup reserves the right to review and revise our policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to this site.

Policy

Amerigroup allows professional and facility reimbursement for multiple diagnostic imaging procedures, unless provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements indicate otherwise.

	<p>Multiple diagnostic imaging procedures will be subject to a Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction when services are performed by the same provider or provider group on the same date of service during the same member encounter.</p> <p>The global, Professional Component, and Technical Component of diagnostic imaging procedures will reimburse at 100% of the contracted/negotiated rate for each professional component and technical component service with the highest allowance. Reimbursement of subsequent procedures is based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95% of the Professional Component. • 50% of the Technical Component. <p>A reduced allowance for the second and subsequent procedures will not apply when multiple imaging procedures are reported with modifier 59 or X{EPSU} to indicate the procedure was done on the same day but not during the same session.</p> <p>A single imaging procedure is subject to the multiple imaging reductions when submitted with multiple units.</p>
<p>Exemptions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy is not applicable for the following markets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amerigroup Community Care in Maryland ○ Amerigroup Texas, Inc. and Amerigroup Insurance Company • The following markets apply their State Medicaid facility pricer methodology to multiple diagnostic imaging procedures and do not follow this policy for facility reimbursement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amerigroup Community Care in Tennessee ○ Amerigroup Washington, Inc. • Medicare Advantage does not apply the multiple radiology payment reduction to CT scan services. • Amerigroup Washington, Inc. does not apply a multiple radiology payment reduction to professional Component service professional reimbursement.
<p>History</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial review approved and effective 06/24/20: Updated exemption section; minor word changes • Biennial review approved and effective 04/20/18: Professional and facility reimbursement language added; exemption added for Tennessee; exemption updated for Washington • Review approved 12/15/17: Provider group and X{EPSU} modifiers language added; repetitive language removed • Review approved 09/28/17: Georgia exemption removed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review approved 07/19/17 and effective 03/15/18: Professional component reduction language added; Louisiana and Washington exemption added • Biennial review approved 03/08/17: "Certain" language removed; Kansas and Medicare Advantage exemption added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Effective 09/15/17: Medicare Advantage exemption added • Review approved 07/14/16: Medicare Advantage exemption added • Initial policy approved and effective 04/09/12
References and Research Materials	<p>This policy has been developed through consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS • State Medicaid • Amerigroup state contracts
Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Reimbursement Policy Definitions
Related Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinct Procedural Services (Modifiers 59, XE, XP, XS, XU) • Modifier Usage
Related Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None