

Reimbursement Policy Provider Newsletter Article

Policy Update

Multiple and Bilateral Surgery: Professional and Facility Reimbursement

(Policy 06-010, effective 05/01/20)

The current policy states: Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) allows reimbursement to professional providers and facilities for multiple and bilateral surgery. Reimbursement is based on multiple and bilateral procedure rules in accordance with contracts and/or state guidelines for applicable surgical procedures performed at the same session by the same provider.

Effective May 1, 2020 the following updates have been made to the policy:

- Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) allows reimbursement to professional providers and facilities for multiple and bilateral surgery. Reimbursement is based on multiple and bilateral procedure rules in accordance with contracts and/or state guidelines for applicable surgical procedures performed on the **same day** by the same provider to **the same patient**.
- Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP also added language under the Multiple Surgery section to state that a single procedure will be subject to a multiple procedure reduction when submitted with multiple units.

Please visit <https://providers.amerigroup.com/TX> > Provider Resources & Documents > Quick Tools > Reimbursement Policies > Texas MMP > Coding to view the Multiple and Bilateral Surgery reimbursement policy for additional information regarding percentages and reimbursement criteria.

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