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Section: Anesthesia	Section: 51.02	
Subject: Anesthesia Services	Pages: 2	Cross Reference: 51.04: Criteria for Medical Direction of Residents

Mississippi Medicaid requires that all anesthesia providers assign one of the following modifiers to each CPT anesthesia code (00100-01999) submitted on the CMS 1500 claim form.

AA	ANESTHESIA SERVICE PERFORMED PERSONALLY BY ANESTHESIOLOGIST
GC	THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN PERFORMED IN PART BY A RESIDENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A TEACHING PHYSICIAN
QX	CRNA SERVICE: WITH MEDICAL DIRECTION BY A PHYSICIAN
QZ	CRNA SERVICE: WITHOUT MEDICAL DIRECTION BY A PHYSICIAN

For anesthesia services performed in conjunction with surgical procedures, anesthesiologists and CRNA's must bill the appropriate code from the CPT code range 00100 through 01999.

Mississippi Medicaid will allow reimbursement for medically directed CRNA cases by paying 50% of the physician's allowable to the anesthesiologist and 50% of the physician's allowable to the CRNA.

For medical direction of residents by a teaching physician, all medical direction criteria, as stated in Section 51.04 of this manual, must be satisfied. The purpose of this criteria is to ensure quality anesthesia care.

For Mississippi Medicaid purposes, anesthesiologists and CRNA's must report time units in one minute increments. **One minute of anesthesia time will equal one unit.**

QUICK REFERENCE FOR ANESTHESIA MODIFIERS

AA	<u>ANESTHESIA SERVICES PERSONALLY PERFORMED BY ANESTHESIOLOGIST</u> 1. AA CAN BE USED BY ANESTHESIOLOGISTS ONLY. 2. DO NOT USE AA FOR MEDICAL DIRECTION OF CRNA'S - USE QX.
GC	<u>THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN PERFORMED IN PART BY A RESIDENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A TEACHING PHYSICIAN</u> 1. GC CAN BE USED ONLY BY ANESTHESIOLOGISTS IN A TEACHING FACILITY. 2. MEDICAL DIRECTION CRITERIA MUST BE SATISFIED. 3. ANESTHESIOLOGIST MUST ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PATIENT.
QX	<u>CRNA SERVICE WITH MEDICAL DIRECTION BY A PHYSICIAN</u> 1. QX MUST BE USED BY BOTH THE CRNA AND THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST. 2. THERE MUST BE DOCUMENTATION IN THE ANESTHESIA REPORT THAT THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID MEDICAL DIRECTION CRITERIA WAS SATISFIED AND THE REPORT MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST AND THE CRNA. 3. ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY NOT BILL FOR MEDICAL DIRECTION OF MORE THAN FOUR CRNA'S AT ANY ONE TIME.
QZ	<u>CRNA SERVICE: WITHOUT MEDICAL DIRECTION BY A PHYSICIAN</u> QZ CAN ONLY BE USED BY THE CRNA.