

## **REVISION NOTICE**

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### **2010 Medical Services Provider Manual**

#### **SECTION 2 ANESTHESIA**

When a physician supervises a CRNA who administers anesthesia, the total payment for the service must not exceed the Basic MAP plus the time value amount (TVA). When the physician and the CRNA bill separately, each is entitled to 50% of the total payment amount, or the charge billed, whichever is less. In all instances, a modifier must be used to identify the service rendered. The modifiers for anesthesia are listed below.

Physicians report the appropriate anesthesia modifier to denote whether the service was personally performed, medically directed, or medically supervised.

Specific anesthesia modifiers include:

**Current modifiers listed:**

**AA-** Anesthesia Services performed personally by the anesthesiologist;

**QK-** Medical direction of two, three or four concurrent anesthesia procedures involving qualified individuals;

**QX-** CRNA service; with medical direction by a physician;

**47-** Anesthesia by Surgeon

**Modifiers to be added:**

**QY-** Medical direction of one certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) by an anesthesiologist;

**QZ-** CRNA service: without medical direction by a physician

\*For the single medically directed service, the physician will use the modifier "QY" (MEDICAL DIRECTION ONE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST (CRNA) BY AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST). This modifier is effective for claims for dates of service on or after January 1, 1998.

\*In unusual circumstances when it is medically necessary for both the CRNA and the anesthesiologist to be completely and fully involved during a procedure, full payment for the services of each provider is allowed. The physician would report using the "AA" modifier and the CRNA would use "QZ," or the modifier for a non medically directed case.

Documentation must be submitted by each provider to support payment of the full fee.

**Please forward to all parties reviewing and billing claims so software updates can be made and payments for services will not be delayed.**