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Re: Reimbursement policy update: Modifier 26 – Professional Component effective July 10, 2021

Dear UNIVERSITY PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATES,

We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: Evidence-based medicine (EBM), professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result of a recent review, we will deny reimbursement for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes billed with modifier 26 when applied inappropriately based on the CMS National Physician Fee Schedule. According to CMS payment policies, there are identified CPT and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes where modifier 26 is not applicable.

This update aligns with our current reimbursement policy, Modifier 26 – Professional Component (M26), and is effective for claims processed on or after July 10, 2021.

Additional information

For more information about our coverage policies, visit the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website (CignaforHCP.com) > Review coverage policies.

If you are not a registered user, please register so that you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. Go to CignaforHCP.com and click Register. If you do not have Internet access or would like additional information, call Cigna Customer Service at **800.88Cigna (882.4462)**.

Thank you for the care you provide to our customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie B. Kessel MD".

Julie B. Kessel, MD
Medical Officer for Coverage Policy
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At a glance

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- This update is effective for claims processed on or after July 10, 2021.
- Policy updates are available on the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website (CignaforHCP.com) > Resources > Coverage Policies > Policy Updates.
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