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Reimbursement Policy Update: Modifier 62: Co-Surgeons (Effective 05/01/2020)

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Effective May 1, 2020, Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus (Empire) has updated the Modifier 62: Co-Surgeons reimbursement policy to expand the current policy's language, adding that Empire does not consider surgeons performing different procedures during the same surgical session as co-surgeons, and Modifier 62 is not required.

Assistant surgeon and/or multiple procedures rules and fee reductions apply if a co-surgeon acts as an assistant in performing additional procedure(s) during the same surgical session.

Please note that assistant surgeon rules do not apply to procedures appropriately billed with Modifier 62.

Please visit www.empireblue.com/medicareprovider to view the Modifier 62: Co-Surgeons reimbursement policy for additional information regarding percentages and reimbursement criteria.

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