Assistant Surgeon/Assistant at Surgery Covered Procedures

Effective with date of service May 10, 2010, Louisiana Medicaid had updated the claims processing system related to procedure codes allowed to be billed with either the '80' or 'AS' modifier. This update was part of the preparation for the implementation of ClaimCheck editing which uses the American College of Surgeons as its primary source for determining if an assistant surgeon is clinically valid for a surgical procedure. Some procedures not previously allowed may now be reimbursable- and some procedures that were allowed will no longer be reimbursed to the assistant surgeon or assistant at surgery. The list of covered procedures can be found on the Medicaid website, www.lamedicaid.com, and then using the ClaimCheck icon. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

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