



Billing Alert

Anesthesia Claims Processing Guidelines

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**MedStar Family Choice-District of Columbia Healthy Families
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MedStar Family Choice (MFC) is changing the way anesthesia claims are administered. Effective April 1, 2015, MFC will recognize minutes billed on claims rather than units. Also, all anesthesia claims must have the appropriate modifier assigned to each CPT anesthesia code. Modifier descriptions include:

- AA Anesthesia service performed personally by an anesthesiologist
Modifier AA is to be used by anesthesiologists only
Modifier AA should not be used for medical direction of CRNAs

- AD Medical supervision by an anesthesiologist

- QK Used by medical direction of two, three or four concurrent anesthesia procedures
Involving CRNAs or anesthesiologists

- QX CRNA service with medical direction by a physician

- QY Anesthesiologist medically directs one CRNA

- QZ CRNA service without medical direction by a physician

In the event anesthesia claims, dates of services between January 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015, were billed in units and not minutes, MFC will process the claim. There is no need to initiate an adjustment or corrected claim.