Reimbursement Change for Anesthesiologists Directing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and Anesthesiologist Assistants

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**Note:** This article applies only to claims submitted to TMHP for processing. Refer to the Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) for information about MCO benefits, limitations, and prior authorization, reimbursement, and MCO specific claim processing procedures.

Effective Nov. 1, 2017, the reimbursement for anesthesiologists directing one or multiple certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) and/or anesthesiologist assistants (AA) during medical procedures will change and apply for Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

The following changes will become effective Nov. 1, 2017:

- The anesthesiologist reimbursement rate will be 100 percent of the established reimbursement rate for anesthesiologists if they are not directing an AA or CRNA.
- The anesthesiologist reimbursement rate will be 50 percent of the established reimbursement rate for anesthesiologists if they are directing an AA or CRNA.
- AAs and CRNAs, when supervised by an anesthesiologist, will be reimbursed at 50 percent of the established anesthesiologist rate.
- CRNAs supervised by a non-anesthesiologist will continue to be reimbursed at 92 percent of the established reimbursement rate for anesthesiologists.

**Note:** New conversion factors for anesthesia will replace the current conversion factors and the fees for flat rate procedure codes will also be adjusted.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.