



## Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas/HMO Blue Texas Professional Multiple Surgery Pricing Guidelines

### SEPARATE OPERATIVE AREAS – MULTIPLE PROCEDURES

Standard consideration for separate operative areas – multiple procedures allow for each operative area 100% of the contract rate for the primary procedure, 50% of the contract rate for all other surgeries in the same operative area. The body parts/areas listed below are considered separate operative areas from each other when reviewing multiple procedures:

<p>Skin (Lesions, Abscesses)          Skin Graft &amp; Reconstructive Surgery          Skin Lacerations          Pilonidal Cyst          General OB          Nail Excision          Burns          Z-Plasty, Contractures          Felon          Repair of Webbing          Breast          Bones          Fracture or Dislocation          Joints          Muscle. Tendon. Fascia          Bursa          Amputation          Casts (Not Associated with Fractures or Dislocations)          Respiratory          Hemi          Lymph          Mediastinum          Cardiovascular          Mouth, Lips, Teeth, Tongue, Salivary Glands, Pharynx          Esophagus, Stomach, Intestine, Gallbladder,          Liver, Appendix          Hernia          Urinary          Male          Uterus, Oviduct, Ovary          Neurological</p>	<p>Eye          Ear          Endocrine          Rectum, Anus          Perineum, Vulva, Vagina, Cervix          Hysteroscopy          Colposcopy          Culdoscopy          Laryngoscopy          Sigmoidoscopy/Proctosigmoidoscopy          Laparoscopies          Injection for Cardiac Catheterization;          Pulmonary Angiography          Injection for Cardiac Catheterization; Right Ventricular or Atrial Angio.          Injection for Cardiac Catheterization; Left Ventricular or Atrial Angio.          Injection for Cardiac Catheterization;          Aortography          Injection for Cardiac Catheterization; Coronary Angiography          Imaging Supervision; Pulmonary Angio., Aortography, Coronary Angiography          Ptca, Each Additional Vessel          Injection for Cardiac Catheterization;          Aortocoronary Venous Bypass Grafts          Imaging Supervision; Ventricular and/or Atrial Angiography          Injection for Cardiac Catheterization; Arterial Conduits          Appendectomy at Time of Other Major Abdominal Surgery          Intra-arterial - Intraaortic Introduction of Needles into Separate Arteries          Skin Lesion, 2nd And 3rd Lesion, Each Endarterectomy in Conjunction with Bypass Graft</p>
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### **SEPARATE OPERATIVE AREAS – BILATERAL PROCEDURES**

Standard consideration for separate operative areas – bilateral procedures allow for the primary procedure on each side (left right 100% of the contract rate, then 50% of the contract rate for all secondary procedures. The body parts/areas listed below are considered as separate operative areas when reviewing bilateral procedures:

- Legs
- Arms
- Feet – see note below
- Hands
- Ears
- TMJ – Jaws
- Osteotomy of Mandible or Maxilla

NOTE: For multiple procedures performed on each foot, the primary procedure on each foot will be allowed at 100% of the contract rate and every other procedure will be allowed at 50% of the contract rate. For example, if 3 procedures are performed on each foot, the percentages would be as follows:

Right foot: 100%, 50%, 50%

Left foot: 100%, 50%, 50%

### **ONE OPERATIVE AREA – BILATERAL PROCEDURES**

Standard consideration for one operative areas – bilateral procedures allow for each operative area, 100% of the contract rate for the primary procedure , 50% of the contract rate for all other surgeries in the same operative area. The following body parts/areas listed below are considered one operative area when reviewing bilateral procedures:

- Eyes
- Nose
- Inguinal Hernias
- Breasts

*Note:* Endoscopies introduced through the same body cavity are considered as one operative area.

Each system will be considered as separate operative areas even when done during the same operative session such as a patient with multi-system trauma.

### **Important Note:**

HMO Blue Texas physicians who are contracted/affiliated with a capitated IPA/medical group must contact the IPA/medical group for information regarding HMO claims/reimbursement information and other general policies and procedures.

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