ASSISTANT SURGERY

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The Assistant Surgery logic is generally based upon the most current Federal Register, although updates do take some time.
This information may be obtained via one of the following Web sites:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/pufdownload/#pfsrelative - Fed Register: 1995 - 2002 (present)

HMO Blue Texas
The Assistant Surgery logic is based upon the logic within the McKesson ClaimCheck® software, which utilizes data from the American College of Surgeons.

The American College of Surgeons file can be accessed at the following Web site:
http://www.facs.org/

IMPORTANT NOTE:
This logic may not be applicable to NASCO claims. These contracts are underwritten by other state plans and each plan follows their medical policy guidelines. For questions or information regarding NASCO claims, please contact NASCO Customer Service at 1-800-992-5405.

DISCLAIMER:
State and federal law, as well as contract language, including definitions and specific inclusions or exclusions, takes precedence and must be considered first in determining coverage. The member's contract benefits in effect on the date that services are rendered must be used. Any benefits are subject to the payment of premiums for the date on which services are rendered.

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

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