



**Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas/HMO Blue Texas Professional Multiple  
Surgery Pricing Guidelines  
Effective through 6/30/2010**

**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:

Skin (Lesions, Abscesses) Skin Graft & 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	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
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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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