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Florida Medicaid has completed the computer programming to the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) to accept and reimburse for the new add-on procedure codes related to epidural obstetrical anesthesia. These procedure codes are 01968 and 01969 when billed in conjunction with 01967 on the same date of service.

These reimbursements are retroactive for dates of service January 1, 2002 and after. Since the Medicaid FMMIS was unable to reimburse the two anesthesia codes on the same date of service, these add-on codes have been invalid in the FMMIS system until Monday, October 7, 2002. With no claim data in the FMMIS system, Medicaid is unable to perform a systematic reprocessing of the add-on procedures for your providers.

For proper reimbursement of services requiring the use of the add-on procedure code to occur, billing must be done in the following manner:

- If the original procedure code (01967) is already billed and paid, void the claim. Wait for the void to appear on the remittance voucher. Then file the proper combination of primary procedure code and the appropriate add-on code. Bill 01967 with anesthesia time increments in minutes plus the correct add-on procedure code (either 01968 OR 01969; but not both) with anesthesia minutes of "1" only.
- A provider may NOT bill 01968 and 01969 on the same date of service for the same recipient.
- If the original service (primary procedure and add-on code) was never filed for reimbursement, file the primary procedure code (01967 with associated anesthesia time in minutes) plus the appropriate add-on procedure (either 01968 OR 01969) with anesthesia increment of "1".
- The primary procedure code, regardless of the add-on procedure code, is still limited to 6 hours of anesthesia time as described in the Physician Coverage and Limitations Handbook, Anesthesia Services.



Voiding a claim and refiling a new claim may be performed via electronic claim filing. If you need assistance, please contact your ACS Field Representative. Please refer to these instructions when speaking to the representative for your area.

Florida Medicaid appreciates the impact this delay has created and electronic claims processing will remedy the situation.

Sincerely,

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