



Revised ClaimCheck Multiple Surgery/Modifier -51 Processing

Beginning with the September 7, 2010 date of processing, ClaimCheck editing related to multiple surgical procedures during the same surgical session performed by the same provider has been updated. This update was necessary to prevent inadvertent duplicate denials and to properly apply the multiple surgery reductions based on industry standards including the relative value units for the procedures. In addition, this revision will now expedite correct payment and prevent additional administrative burden for providers by minimizing the need to resubmit claims where the -51 modifier was incorrectly applied. With this update, when the -51 modifier (Multiple Procedures) has or has not been applied to the appropriate procedure(s), the system will now add or remove the -51 modifier from the claim and will then process and reimburse the claim accordingly. The denial codes previously used (errors 934 and 938) will now reflect an educational message (EOB) indicating whether the -51 modifier was added or removed from the procedure code for processing. Providers will see the following EOB messages when these edits occur:

934: Modifier 51 required. Added to claim-ClaimCheck.

938: Modifier 51 invalid. Removed from claim-ClaimCheck.

When all procedures of the same surgical session have adjudicated, overpayments identified by providers are to be handled via the current adjustment/void process. As part of the on-going assessment and adjustments in claims processing related to the implementation of ClaimCheck editing, Louisiana Medicaid anticipates minimizing current hard copy requirements related to surgical procedures wherever possible. Providers will be notified as these improvements occur.

Providers should note that claims adjudicated prior to ClaimCheck implementation were subject to reimbursement policy and practices on the date of adjudication.

The recycle of claims that have been previously denied for errors 934 and 938 since the implementation of ClaimCheck editing is anticipated to occur on the R/A of September 14, 2010.

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