



ATTENTION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS IMPLEMENTATION OF REIMBURSEMENT RATE REDUCTIONS

Effective with dates of service on or after August 4, 2009, the reimbursement rates for anesthesia services that are performed under the professional licensure of a physician (anesthesiologist or other specialty) are reduced by 3.5% of the fee amounts on file as of August 3, 2009. An emergency rule regarding these reductions was published in the August 20, 2009, issue of the Louisiana Register.

Providers will begin seeing these reductions on the RA of January 5, 2010. Claims for date of service August 4, 2009, that were adjudicated prior to January 5, 2010, will be systematically adjusted and no action is required by providers. Providers should monitor future RAs for updates regarding these adjustments. Notification will be made via remittance advice message when the recycle occurs. Effective for dates of service on or after November 20, 2009, maternity-related anesthesia services and anesthesia services rendered to recipients under the age of 16 shall be exempt from the August 4, 2009, rate reduction on anesthesia services performed by a physician (anesthesiologist or other specialty). An emergency rule was published regarding this amendment in the November 20, 2009, issue of the Louisiana Register.