



### **Medicaid Transmittal Letter (MTL) No. 3334-16-20**

**DATE:** December 28, 2016

**TO:** Eligible Medicaid Providers  
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans  
Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Barbara R. Sears, Medicaid Director

**SUBJECT:** Rescission of Administrative Rule 5160-4-03, Physician assistants to replace with a new Administrative Rule 5160-4-03, Physician assistants.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 5160-4-03, "Physician assistants," has been rescinded and replaced with a new OAC Rule 5160-4-03, "Physician assistants." New rule 5160-4-03, "Physician assistants," sets forth Medicaid payment for covered services provided by physician assistants when performed within their scope of practice under state law.

#### **Billing tips for physician assistants:**

Beginning January 01, 2017, physician assistants may be reimbursed for assistant-at-surgery services when performed within their scope of practice. Services rendered by a physician assistant must be billed with the UD modifier, unless it is an assistant-at-surgery service.

Assistant-at-surgery surgical services rendered by a physician assistant must be billed with the AS modifier only. Therefore, a claim line item submitted for an assistant-at-surgery service rendered by a physician assistant must include the physician assistant's individual NPI as the rendering provider on the claim line billed with the surgery CPT code modified with only the AS modifier. Physician assistants seeking reimbursement for assistant at surgery services rendered must be enrolled as an Ohio Medicaid provider.

#### **Additional Information**

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) may be accessed through the main ODM web page, <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

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