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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
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FROM: John B. McCarthy, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Modifications to Administrative Rule 5160-4-22

Summary

Current rule 5160-4-22, "Surgical services," sets forth provisions for coverage of and payment for surgical services performed in non-hospital settings. This rule has been proposed for rescission, along with its appendix.

New rule 5160-4-22, "Surgical services," sets forth provisions for coverage of and payment for surgical services performed in non-hospital settings. This rule has been proposed for adoption to replace current rule 5160-4-22.

Changes: Four main differences may be noted in the new rule:

- The text is condensed and streamlined.
- The appendix to the current rule, which is rescinded, addresses four groups of surgical procedures whose characteristics may affect how they are reported on a claim and how payment for them is made: (1) multiple procedures, for which payment is reduced when more than one is performed; (2) bilateral procedures, for which payment is adjusted when they are performed on both body parts of a corresponding pair; (3) assistant-at-surgery procedures, for which payment is reduced when they are performed by an assistant at surgery; and (4) procedures performed on fingers, toes, eyelids, or coronary arteries. In place of the appendix, a provision is added in the body of the new rule stating that the department follows Medicare policies concerning these procedures.
- A restriction is removed that disallowed payment for an assistant-at-surgery procedure performed by someone other than a physician.
- A statement is added that payment for the surgical treatment of obesity, a service that was previously non-covered, now requires prior authorization.

The new rule takes effect on July 3, 2015.

Additional Information

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