

# Billing and Reimbursement

## Assistant at surgery services



Report one of the following modifiers as appropriate to the situation:

- 80 – Assistant Surgeon
- 81 – Minimum Assistant Surgeon
- 82 – Assistant Surgeon (when qualified resident surgeon not available)

Geisinger Health Plan does not separately reimburse physician assistants (PA), nurse practitioners (NP) and/or clinical nurse specialists (CNS) for assistant at surgery services. Geisinger Health Plan requests that participating providers not submit claims for these provider types, however if such services must be reported, the following must be present on the claim:

- List the supervising physician name in field 31 on the CMS1500 Claim Form.
- The AS modifier must be appended to services reported as being rendered by a PA, NP

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*All rights, duties and responsibilities of participating providers will be applied according to the following document order: 1) member's benefit document; 2) the participating provider's contract agreement, 3) the GHP Family Provider Guide; and 4) the Geisinger Health Plan Provider Guide.*

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