

Cigna Healthcare  
900 Cottage Grove Rd  
Bloomfield, CT 06002



April 12, 2024

**Re: Reimbursement policy update – Modifier 50 billed with unilateral procedure codes effective July 14, 2024**

We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: evidence-based medicine, professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result of a recent review, we will administratively deny unilateral procedure codes when billed with modifier 50. Denials will affect the claim line only and include administrative appeal rights.

We will update the Bilateral Procedures (M50) reimbursement policy to reflect this change. This update is effective for dates of service on or after July 14, 2024.

**Additional information**

For more information about our policy updates, visit the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website ([CignaforHCP.com](http://CignaforHCP.com)) > Resources > Coverage Policies > Policy Updates.

If you are not a registered user, please register so that you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. To register, go to [CignaforHCP.com](http://CignaforHCP.com) and click Register. If you do not have Internet access or would like additional information, call Cigna Healthcare Provider Service at **800.88Cigna (882.4462)**.

Thank you for the care you provide to our customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JB Kessel MD".

Julie B. Kessel, MD  
Medical Officer for Coverage Policy  
Clinical Performance & Quality Organization

**At a glance**

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