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IHCP to mass adjust/reprocess claims for APRNs, CRNAs and physician assistants

In Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletin BT2024159, the IHCP announced updates to physician

reimbursement adjustment policies to coincide with the January 2024 Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) Rate Equalization Project. Table 1 reflects the practitioner reimbursement being made for physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) in the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system.



When implemented, these changes will be effective retroactively for FFS claims with dates of service (DOS) on or after **April 1, 2024**. For managed care entities (MCEs), these changes were effective for claims with DOS on or after **Jan. 1, 2024**.

For physician rate adjustments, the IHCP is moving from Indiana Medicaid policy to Medicare policies, where applicable. For areas with no Medicare policy, IHCP policy will continue to be used. FFS claims for these services with DOS on or after April 1, 2024, will be mass adjusted or reprocessed. Providers should see adjusted/reprocessed claims on remittance advices (RAs) beginning Jan. 8, 2024, with internal control numbers (ICNs)/Claim IDs that begin with 52 (mass replacements non-check related).

If providers need to submit any claims retroactively, they can submit claims within 180 days of this publication date for FFS claims, to satisfy timely filing requirements. Providers should include a copy of this bulletin (first page only) when submitting claims beyond the standard filing limit.

Table 1 – OMPP rate equalization practitioner reimbursement adjustment policies, effective for DOS on or after April 1, 2024, for FFS (Jan. 1, 2024, for managed care)

Reimbursement adjustment	Adjustment policy utilized	Adjustment policy	Additional billing guidance
Advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) – except for certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA)	Medicare	85%	
Certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA)	Medicare	 CRNA medically directed – 50% 	Modifier QX
		 CRNA not medically directed – 100% 	Modifier QZ
Physician assistant	Medicare	85%	

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