

Reimbursement Policy		
Subject: Modifiers LT and RT: Left Side/Right Side Procedures		
Effective Date: 01/01/20	Committee Approval Obtained: 01/01/20	Section: Coding
***** The most current version of our reimbursement policies can be found on our provider website. If you are using a printed version of this policy, please verify the information by going to https://providers.healthybluel.com .*****		
<p>These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claims submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement if the service is covered by a Healthy Blue Dual Advantage (HMO D-SNP) member's plan. The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member's benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis as well as to the member's state of residence. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with CPT[®] codes, HCPCS codes and/or revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to participating providers and facilities; a noncontracting provider who accepts Medicare assignment will be reimbursed for services according to the original Medicare reimbursement rates.</p> <p>If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current reimbursement policies are not followed, Healthy Blue Dual Advantage may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reject or deny the claim. • Recover and/or recoup claim payment. <p>Healthy Blue Dual Advantage reimbursement policies are developed based on nationally accepted industry standards and coding principles. These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal, or CMS contracts and/or requirements. System logic or set up may prevent the loading of policies into the claims platforms in the same manner as described; however, Healthy Blue Dual Advantage strives to minimize these variations.</p> <p>Healthy Blue Dual Advantage reserves the right to review and revise its policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to the website.</p>		
Policy	<p>Healthy Blue Dual Advantage allows reimbursement for procedure codes appended with Modifier LT and/or RT when indicating the side of the body for which the item, supply or procedure will be used unless provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements indicate otherwise.</p> <p>Reimbursement is based on 100% of the fee schedule or contracted/negotiated rate of the procedure. Modifiers LT and RT are</p>	

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	<p>informational modifiers and therefore do not affect reimbursement of the procedure.</p> <p>It is inappropriate to use Modifier LT or Modifier RT when billing for bilateral procedures, or with procedure codes containing <i>bilateral</i> or <i>unilateral or bilateral</i> in their description. Modifiers LT and RT do not indicate a bilateral service. Claims submitted with Modifier LT and RT appropriately indicating a surgical procedure was performed on both the left side and right side of the body are subject to multiple surgery rules.</p>
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial approval and effective date 01/01/20
References and Research Materials	<p>This policy has been developed through consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMS State contract Coder's Desk Reference for HCPCS Level II 2019
Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Reimbursement Policy Definitions
Related Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifier Usage Multiple and Bilateral Surgery Reimbursement
Related Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None