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Attention Anesthesia Services Providers:

DHCFP Announces Policy Changes

Due to the continuing State of Nevada budget revenue shortfall, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is required to make certain policy changes to anesthesia services.

The following rate and coverage changes are effective with dates of service on or after **March 12, 2010**:

- Fifteen (15) minutes always equals one (1) unit. The rate is no longer converted if anesthesia services are provided longer than four (4) hours in one occurrence.
- Physical status modifiers (P1-P5) are no longer reimbursed separately.
- Qualifying circumstances (codes 99100, 99116, 99135 and 99140) are no longer reimbursed separately.
- The anesthesia conversion factor has changed from \$37.02 per unit to \$21.12 per unit.
- Reimbursement for Neuraxial Labor anesthesia codes 01967, 01968 and 01969 has not changed.

See the [Billing Guidelines for Anesthesia Services](#) for updated billing instructions. [Medicaid Services Manual \(MSM\) Chapter 600](#) and the [Anesthesia Unit Values](#) schedule will be revised to reflect these policy and rate changes.