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OVERVIEW:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana (ABHLA) is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid Services Manual, and would like to remind providers to refer to these manuals when submitting claims. If the manual requires additional guidance impacting reimbursement, the details will be outlined by ABHLA in a supporting reimbursement policy.

Per the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) [Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Manual, Section 5.1 Covered Services](#), ABHLA will enact edits and audits to claims for more than one surgery on the same day for the same member:

"Multiple Surgical Reductions

Multiple surgery reduction is the general industry term applied to the practice of paying decreasing pay percentages for multiple surgeries performed during the same surgical session. When more than one surgical procedure is submitted for a patient on the same date of service, the 51 modifier should be appended to the secondary code(s). Certain procedure codes are exempt from this process due to their status as "add-on" or "modifier 51 exempt" codes as defined in CPT."

Claims with multiple procedures (in distinct count or in units) performed by the same provider, on the same member, for the same date of service will be reviewed to determine whether the Multiple Surgical Reduction (MSR) / Multiple Procedure Reduction (MPR) was applied to the procedures. All add-on codes and Modifier 51 exempt codes from the list of claims eligible for reduction will be removed. If a reduction was not applied, the reimbursement for the surgeries/procedures will be recalculated to properly pay.

Please note that providers may see reimbursement impacted if not aligned to the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid services manual within 30 days of the date of this reminder notification.

Questions and Support:

For questions, please contact LAProvider@AETNA.com or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.