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CNM Billing Clarification: Modifier AS

Per Medi-Cal guidelines, a Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) may be reimbursed as an “assistant at surgery” during cesarean section deliveries (59514 or 59620). For “assistant at surgery” services performed by a CNM during a cesarean section (designated by modifier AS), reimbursement equals 85 percent of the fee paid to an “assistant surgeon.” The requirement to provide name, CNM designation, and NPI remains.

The following billing guidelines apply:

- * 59514 or 59620 must be billed with modifier AS (the Alliance will also allow AS+SB)
- * Any other modifiers or modifier combinations are not allowed and will be denied
- * Any services other than 59514 and 59620 billed with AS will be denied

For more information, please contact the Alliance Claims department at (800) 700-3874 ext. 5503.