

# Anesthesia Single Line Billing Effective 4/20/2012

Alaska Medicaid’s transition to standard **single line** anesthesia billing will take place 4/20/2012. All electronic and paper claims **processed** on or after 4/20/2012 must use the **single line** billing format.

Anesthesia must be billed using the procedure codes found in the most current edition of the *American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Relative Value Guide*. Each of the ASA procedure codes has a base value unit that will be included in your reimbursement. No physical status modifier or physical status procedure code is allowed. The current reimbursement amount for each base value unit \$42.90. The current reimbursement amount for each time unit is \$36.00 (\$3.60 per minute).

- Do not add anesthesia base value units to the actual time you submit.
- Submit the *actual* minutes spent providing anesthesia services as the units of service.
- Procedure code 01999 will no longer be acceptable for reporting time.
- Electronic transactions to include Payerpath require the value “MJ” within the SV103 element to report time in minutes.

The following is an example of single-line billing and the reimbursement you would receive:

*Procedure 01400 completed in 70 minutes on January 24, 2012 in an outpatient setting*

| 24. A. | DATE(S) OF SERVICE |    |                                 |    |    |         | B. PLACE OF SERVICE | C. EMG    | D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES |  | E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER | F. \$ CHARGES | G. DAYS OR UNITS | H. EPSDT Family Plan | I. ID. QUAL. | J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. # |
|--------|--------------------|----|---------------------------------|----|----|---------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
|        | From               | To | (Explain Unusual Circumstances) |    |    |         |                     |           | MODIFIER                             |  |                      |               |                  |                      |              |                             |
| MM     | DD                 | YY | MM                              | DD | YY | SERVICE |                     | CPT/HCPCS | MODIFIER                             |  |                      |               |                  |                      |              |                             |
| 01     | 24                 | 12 | 01                              | 24 | 12 | 22      |                     | 01400     | AA                                   |  | 1                    | 728           | 75               | 70                   |              | NPI                         |

*Base Value Units for procedure code 01400 = 4*  
*4 base value units X \$42.90 per unit = \$171.60*  
*70 minutes of time X \$3.60 per minute = \$252.00*  
*Alaska Medicaid total reimbursement = \$423.60*

Questions? Please contact Provider Inquiry at 907.644.6800, option 1, or 800.770.5650 (toll-free in state), options 1, 1.

