

(h) Modifiers QY, QK, and QX.¶

(A) Anesthesiologists medically directing non-physician providers must bill using modifier QY (medical direction of one qualified non-physician anesthetist by an anesthesiologist) or QK (medical direction of two, three, or four concurrent anesthesia procedures involving qualified individuals).¶

(B) Anesthesiologists may not perform other services while medically directing anesthesia procedures.¶

(C) Qualified non-physicians must bill using modifier QX (qualified non-physician anesthetist with medical direction by a physician) for anesthetist services with medical direction by a physician.¶

(D) Payment for services billed with modifiers QY, QK, or QX is at 50 percent of the applicable fee schedule amount.¶

(3) Surgery. Unless otherwise provided by contract or fee discount agreement permitted by these rules, insurers

Mr. Bruyns,

Regarding the proposed regulatory changes as shown in the above screen shot, specifically stating:

"B. Anesthesiologists may not perform other services while medically directing anesthesia procedures"

We are questioning whether this is specifically regards to billing (ie: cannot bill for two services provided at the same time) or limiting medical practice (ie: cannot do a preop in the preop area while being available for a CRNA in a case).

Are you able to help clarify?

Thank you.

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