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**Reimbursement Policy
Provider Newsletter Article****Policy Update****Multiple and Bilateral Surgery: Professional and Facility Reimbursement***(Policy [06-010], effective [90 days from communication])*

Effective [90 Days from communication], the following updates have been made to the policy:

- Healthy Blue allows reimbursement to professional providers and facilities for multiple and bilateral surgery. Reimbursement is based on multiple and bilateral procedure rules in accordance with contracts and/or state guidelines for applicable surgical procedures performed on the same day by the same provider to the same patient.
- Healthy Blue has updated the policy under the Multiple Surgery section to note that Healthy Blue does not apply multiple procedure reduction reimbursement to Modifier 51-exempt (also known as MS-exempt) or add-on procedure codes since the fee allowance and/or relative value is already reduced for the procedure itself, ~~and~~
- ~~a~~ A single surgery procedure is subject to a multiple procedure reduction when submitted with multiple units.

Please visit <https://providers.healthybluelouisiana.com> to view the Multiple and Bilateral Surgery reimbursement policy for additional information regarding percentages and reimbursement criteria.

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