

Coding Policy Policy and Procedure		
SUBJECT: Coding Policy 50.0 Modifier 63 – Procedures Performed on Infants Less Than 4 kg	DEPARTMENT: Health Care Services	
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SCOPE:

Providence Health Plan, Providence Health Assurance, Providence Plan Partners, and Ayin Health Solutions as applicable (referred to individually as “Company” and collectively as “Companies”).

APPLIES TO:

Health Care Providers
All Lines of Business

POLICY:

Company does not administer modifier 63 based on the following rationale:

The RBRVS fee schedule has factored complexity of the surgical procedure into the relative value for many procedures such as those performed on infants or revisions of previously performed procedures.

Company allows use of modifier 22, which is used to report “unusual procedural services” and allows for additional reimbursement when the service provided is greater than that usually required for the listed procedure. (See Coding Policy 10.0 for information on using modifier 22.)

Company policy does not recognize CPT policy which states the following:

“Procedures performed on neonates and infants up to a body weight of 4 kg may involve significantly increased complexity and physician work commonly associated with these patients. The CPT book says this circumstance may be reported by adding the modifier 63 to the procedure code. (This applies only to procedure codes 20000- 69999.)”

PROCEDURE:

Providers may continue using modifier 22 to identify services that require additional work beyond the work normally expected for the procedure. Modifier 63 will not be administered. See Coding Policy 10.0 for additional information about billing claims with modifier 22.

REFERENCE:

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)
CMS / Medicare Administrative Rules and Regulations
Providence Health Plan Clinical Coding Edits