

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## MEDICAID FEE SCHEDULE UPDATES FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section 988 of Chapter 9 Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, published on May 22, 2015 (62 DCR 6692), announces changes to the Medicaid reimbursement rates governing anesthesia services billed by professional providers. Professional providers are health care providers who submit claims for reimbursement to DC Medicaid on a CMS-1500 claim form. The changes set forth below will become effective on August 1, 2015.

Under the District of Columbia's State Plan for Medical Assistance, anesthesia services are reimbursed at eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare rate as established by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. As a result, DHCF is updating the anesthesia payment parameters with the following changes in order to ensure the rates are eighty percent (80%) of Medicare reimbursement rates: (1) the conversion factor will be reduced to eighty percent (80%) of Medicare, which amounts to \$19.73; (2) the discounting percentage for anesthesia modifiers QK and QZ will be updated to fifty percent (50%) and one hundred percent (100%), respectively; and (3) anesthesia base unit values will be updated with the Medicare values, which result in the following base unit values:

<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Anesthesia Base Unit Amount</b>	<b>Updated Anesthesia Base Unit Amount</b>
00142	Anesth lens surgery	\$6.00	\$4.00
00147	Anesth iridectomy	\$6.00	\$4.00
01924	Anes ther interven rad artrl	\$6.00	\$5.00
01926	Anes tx interv rad hrt/cran	\$10.00	\$8.00
01963	Anesth cs hysterectomy	\$10.00	\$8.00
01968	Anes/analgs deliver add-on	\$3.00	\$2.00

The Medicaid Fee Schedule is located on the DHCF website at <https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/nonsecure/feeScheduleDownload>. For further information or questions regarding this fee schedule update, please contact Amy Xing, Reimbursement Analyst, Department of Health Care Finance, at [amy.xing2@dc.gov](mailto:amy.xing2@dc.gov), or via telephone at (202) 481-3375.