



Kansas City

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Payment Policy POL-PP-219	
Subject: Advanced Practice Provider Billing	
Effective Date: 1/1/2022	Committee Approval Obtained: 1/1/2022 Last Review: 1/1/2025 Next Review: 1/1/2026
<p>The most current version of our reimbursement policies can be found on our provider website. If you are using a printed version of this policy, please verify the information by going to https://providers.bluekc.com/ContactUs/PaymentPolicies</p>	
<p>Provider Payment policies are written to provide an overview of coding and payment guidelines as they pertain to claims submitted to Blue KC. These guidelines are not intended to provide billing or coding advice but to serve as a reference for facilities and providers.</p> <p>Covered services and payment are based on the member’s benefit plan and provider agreement. Providers and their office staff may use our online tools to verify effective dates and member copayments before providing services. Visit our providers page for information on member eligibility and benefits. Member liability may include, but is not limited to, co-payments, deductibles, and co-insurance. Members’ costs depend on member benefits.</p> <p>Certain services require prior authorization or referral.</p> <p>Blue KC reimburses health care providers based on your contracted rates and member benefits. Claims are subject to payment edits, which Blue KC updates regularly.</p>	
Policy	<p>Blue KC will require claims to be submitted under the name and NPI number of the provider who rendered the service effective 1/1/2022.</p> <p>Advanced practice providers, (Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Physician Assistants, and Anesthesia Assistants) if they are licensed to provide the service under state and federal law, will be reimbursed at 85% of Blue KC provider’s allowed amount at the time of the service.</p> <p>Nurse Anesthetists will be reimbursed 100% for all ASA codes. Reimbursement is based on the fee schedule percentage of the providers fee schedule amount. Non-ASA codes will be reimbursed at 85% of the Medicare Professional Fee Schedule. Nurse Midwives will be reimbursed at 100% for their services.</p> <p>Advance practice providers must act within the scope of their license and/or certification, and in accordance with state law in which the license/certification is held. Services of unlicensed clinicians who are training under the supervision of a licensed clinician cannot be billed.</p>

History	Approval Date: 1/1/2022 Effective Date: 1/1/2022
Review	9/21/2021 added information on reimbursement for Nurse Anesthetists 1/1/2023 – Annual review, no changes were made. 9/18/2023 Nurse Midwives reimbursement changed from 85% to 100% per CMS guidelines. 7/09/2024 – Annual review, no changes were made 1/1/2025 -Annual review, no changes were made.
References and Research Materials	CMS Provider Reference Guide
Related Policies	N/A

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