



PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT GUIDANCE											
Bilateral Procedures											
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**Payment Policy Summary**

CCA’s policy regarding bilateral procedures follows the direction established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Bilateral services are defined as procedures performed on both sides of a patient’s body, occurring either during the same session or on the same day.

**Reimbursement Guidelines:**

CCA follows the guidelines outlined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for reimbursement of bilateral eligible codes. The bilateral eligible codes are outlined in the CMS National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS), codes with indicators of “1” or “3” are eligible for bilateral procedure reimbursement.

**Multiple Surgeries**

If bilateral surgeries are billed with other procedures, consider the Bilateral Procedures with a payment amount of 150% for both sides as one payment amount, and rank this with the remaining procedures. The appropriate multiple surgery reduction should be applied.

**Definitions:**

Bilateral Procedure	An identical procedure performed on both sides of a patient’s body, occurring either during the same surgical session or on the same day.
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**Codes**

**CPT Code Section**

[National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value Files](#)  
[HCPCS Release and Code Sets](#)

## **Audit and Disclaimer Information**

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As every claim is unique, the use of this policy is neither a guarantee of payment nor a final prediction of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to member eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization, and utilization management guidelines when applicable and adherence to plan policies, procedures, and claims editing logic. CCA has the right to conduct audits on any provider and/or facility to ensure compliance with the guidelines stated in this payment policy. If such an audit determines that your office/facility did not comply with this payment policy, CCA has the right to expect your office/facility to refund all payments related to non-compliance.

## **References**

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[CCA Website](#)

[CMS Website](#)

[National Physician Fee Schedule](#)

### **Payment Policies:**

[Massachusetts](#) / [Rhode Island](#)

### **Provider Manuals:**

[Massachusetts](#) / [Rhode Island](#)

### **Prior Authorization Forms:**

[Massachusetts](#) / [Rhode Island](#)

## **Policy Timeline Details**

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