SECTION 5: BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

of the Professional Provider Office Manual

5.20 INTRA-OPERATIVE MONITORING SERVICES

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For member eligibility, benefits or claims status information, we encourage you to use iLinkBlue (www.lablue.com/ilinkblue), our online self-service provider tool. Additional provider resources are available on our Provider page at www.lablue.com/providers.

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INTRA-OPERATIVE MONITORING SERVICES

We reimburse a global allowable charge for the professional component portions of all intra-operative monitoring services. All ancillary study codes bundle to intra-operative monitoring codes 95940, 95941 and G0453. These ancillary codes include but are not limited to:

- 51785
- 95700–95726
- 95812–95813
- 95816–95830
- 95860–95872
- 95885–95887
- 95905–95913
- 95925–95939
- 95954–95962
- 95999

Intra-operative monitoring is only billable if it is provided by a physician who is not the attending surgeon. The attending surgeon is responsible for ensuring the use of a participating intra-operative monitoring provider. Physicians who repeatedly fail to refer to participating providers for intra-operative monitoring services may result in the physician's overall reimbursement rate being reduced by Louisiana Blue by a certain percentage as determined by Louisiana Blue in its sole discretion and in accordance with applicable law.

Louisiana Blue does not consider place of service 15 valid for claims submissions for intra-operative monitoring services. Bill intra-operative monitoring services with the appropriate place of service based on the member's location when services are provided. This helps ensure the appropriate benefits and reimbursement apply. Claims for intraoperative monitoring services billed with place of service 15 may reject.

The technical component of the intra-operative monitoring services is included in the fee Louisiana Blue pays the facility. Louisiana Blue will not separately pay nor reimburse any claims for the technical component of the intra-operative services provided.

Multiple Unit Reduction

Effective for dates of service on and after Aug. 1, 2020, intra-operative monitoring codes 95940, 95941 and G0453 for the same patient for the same encounter will be subject to a multiple-unit reduction. The first hour for these service codes will be reimbursed at 100% of the allowable charge. The second and any additional hours will be reimbursed at 40% of the allowable charge.