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**MedStar Family Choice Provider Alert
Multiple Surgical Reduction – Professional Billing
Effective August 1, 2021**

When multiple surgical procedures (10000 – 69999) are performed during the same session by the same individual, the primary procedure/service is reported without modifier -51. The additional surgical procedure(s) are identified by appending modifier -51.

In the event subsequent surgical procedures are not billed with modifier -51, MFC will reduce payment to 50% of the MDH fee schedule rate or contract rate.

This also applies to multiple surgical procedures done on the same day but billed on two separate claims by the same provider.

Exceptions to the rule are:

- Add-on Codes
- Modifier -51 Exempt Codes

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