

MEDICAL ASSOCIATES HEALTH PLANS
OPERATIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

POLICY NUMBER:	85
POLICY TITLE:	Residents, Interns and Medical Students Billing
POLICY STATEMENT:	Reimbursement guidelines for Residents, Interns and Medical Students billing

For all products, Medical Associates Health Plans will not reimburse services rendered by Residents, Interns and Medical Students unless the guidelines for billing and credentialing are met.

Guidelines for Billing

1. A provider with a Taxonomy Code of 390200000X “Student in an Organized Health Care Education/Training Program” will not be reimbursed for services rendered unless the claim has one of the 2 Modifiers listed below.
 - a. GC – This service has been performed in part by a Resident under the direction of a Teaching Physician.
 - b. GE – This service has been performed by a Resident without the presence of a Teaching Physician under the Primary Care Exception. This exception is within an approved GME program that applies to limited situations when the resident is the primary caregiver and the faculty physician sees the patient only in a consultative role (that is, those residency programs with requirements that are incompatible with a physical presence requirement). In such programs, it is beneficial for the resident to see patients without supervision to learn medical decision making.
2. Teaching physicians must document that they performed the service or was physically present during key or critical portions of the service and their participation in the management of the patient.
3. Resident physicians documentation should have a statement by the attending (teaching) physician is required and must include independent documentation to correspond with the Resident’s documentation. Without such documentation, no reimbursement can be made.
4. Services provided outside an approved training program are reimbursed if the following criteria are met:
 - a. Physician services need a physician to personally help diagnose or treat
 - b. The intern or resident is fully licensed to practice medicine by the state where they perform the services and services aren’t performed as part of the approved GME Program.

Guidelines for Credentialing

1. Residents, Interns or Medical Students will not be credentialed until they have completed their residency program.
2. The resident physician needs to have a full license, DEA certificate, and malpractice insurance that is not the hospital’s insurance.

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