



### Policy Information

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### Policy Applicability (LOB)

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### Policy Statement and Purpose

This policy describes the reimbursement of services rendered by Residents, Interns and Medical Students as identified by the Healthcare Provider Taxonomy code reported on the claim. This policy also addresses how claims submitted by a licensed practicing physician for services rendered by Residents and Interns will be considered when billed with an appropriate modifier.

### Policy Definitions

**Intern** – An individual (sometimes referred to as a first year resident) who is a doctor but may only practice medicine with guidance and supervision

**Medical Student** – An individual who participates in an accredited educational program that is not an approved Graduate Medical Education program. A student is never considered to be an intern or resident.

**Physically Present** – The teaching physician is located in the same room or curtained area as the patient and/or performs a face to face service.

**Primary Care Exception** – An exception within an approved Graduate Medical Education 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. In such programs, it is beneficial for the resident to see patients without supervision to learn medical decision making.

**Resident** – An individual who participates in an approved Graduate Medical Education program or a physician that is not in an approved program but who is authorized to practice only in a hospital setting.

**Teaching Physician** – A physician, other than an intern or resident, who involves residents in the care of their patients. For the service to be payable they must be present during all critical or key portions of the procedure and immediately available to furnish services during the entire procedure.

**Teaching Hospital** – A hospital engaged in an approved Graduate Medical Education program in medicine, osteopathy, dentistry or podiatry.

### Policy Provisions and Required Procedures

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.
2. Teaching physicians must personally 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 must include a statement by the attending (teaching) physician 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 Graduate Medical Education 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.

<b>Related Policies</b>			
<b>Related Training/ Job Aids</b>			
<b>NCQA Standard</b>			
<b>References</b>			
<b>Exhibits</b>			
<b>Policy Owners /Reviewers</b>			
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