

Registered Nurse First Assistant Payment Policy

Policy

The Plan will not reimburse separately for a Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) assisting a physician during surgery as per Medicare guidelines.

Definitions

RNFA: A registered nurse who through additional education and training has obtained the necessary technical skills and knowledge to function as the assistant to the surgeon during a surgery. The RNFA is also competent to perform individualized nursing care management before and after surgery.

Reimbursement

The Plan does not reimburse for RNFA services.

Place of service

This policy applies to services rendered in all settings.

Policy history

Origination date:	11/07/01
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Connection date & details:	November 2016 – Annual review. January 2018 – Annual Review, no updates January 2019 – Annual Review, no updates. January 2020 – Annual review, no updates

The criteria listed above apply to Fallon Health plan and its subsidiaries. This payment policy has been developed to provide information regarding general billing, coding and documentation guidelines for the Plan. Even though this payment policy may indicate that a particular service or supply is considered covered, specific provider contract terms and/or member individual benefit plans may apply and this policy is not a guarantee of payment. The Plan reserves the right to apply this payment policy to all of the Plan companies and subsidiaries. The Plan routinely verifies that charges billed are in accordance with the guidelines stated in this payment policy and are appropriately documented in the medical records. Payments are subject to post-payment audits and retraction of overpayments.