

## **Security Health Plan to implement CMS multiple procedure payment reductions (MPPR) for diagnostic imaging**

Effective July 1, 2019, Security Health Plan will implement guidelines from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) when multiple diagnostic imaging procedures are performed in a single session on the same patient by the same group physician and/or other health care professionals.

Security Health Plan will utilize the Medicare physician fee schedule to identify CPT codes with a multiple procedure indicator (MPI) of 4 performed in a single session as eligible for multiple procedure payment reductions (MPPR) for diagnostic imaging. Different MPPR for diagnostic imaging percentages apply to the professional component (PC) and technical component (TC) portion of global services.

Certain components of these services include most of the clinical labor activities and most supplies, with the exception of film, are not performed or furnished twice. Equipment time and indirect costs are allocated based on clinical labor time, so these efforts should be reduced accordingly. Therefore, payment at 100% for secondary and subsequent diagnostic imaging procedure(s) would represent reimbursement for duplicative components of the primary procedure.

CMS policy will apply to Medicare Advantage claims both for professional and technical components. At this time, MPPR will not apply to critical access claims.

For Commercial plans, Security Health Plan will implement only the technical component reduction for two or more imaging procedures subject to MPPR.

### **Multiple diagnostic imaging reimbursement**

When the professional component (26 modifier) for two or more imaging procedures subject to MPPR for diagnostic imaging are performed, the allowed amount for the procedure with the highest RVU will be paid at 100 percent of the allowable amount; the second and subsequent procedures will be paid at 95 percent of the allowable amount.

When the technical component (TC modifier) for two or more imaging procedures subject to MPPR for diagnostic imaging are performed, the allowed amount for the procedure with the highest RVU will be paid at 100 percent of the allowable amount; the second and subsequent procedures will be paid at 50 percent of the allowable amount.