

## Provider Update

This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.

## JHHC Reimbursement Policy Update

Effective Date: November 1, 2019

**Line(s) of Business Affected:** Priority Partners

Type of Change: Physician Assistant Reimbursement Policy

## **Explanation of Change(s):**

In order to comply with Maryland COMAR 10.09.55.06 Physician Assistants Authority – Payment Procedures, and COMAR 10.09.02.07 E Physicians' Services Authority – Payment Procedures, Priority Partners MCO will be updating its' payment methodology for Physician Assistants as follows:

- 1. Services rendered Incident to or Shared/Split with supervising physician will be paid:
  - In accordance with state guidelines, the lesser of the providers' customary charge (unless the service is free to individuals not covered by Medicaid); or an amount equal to 100% of the then current Maryland Medicaid Professional Services Fee Schedule.
- 2. Services rendered by the Physician Assistant assisting in surgery must be billed with the appropriate modifier (AS, 80, or 82) and will be paid at the lesser of the actual charge or:

In accordance with state guidelines, modifiers 80 or 82 for assisted surgery must be used, and pay an amount equal to 20% of the fee for the surgical procedure.

## For More Information:

To view the JHHC Reimbursement Policies, please go to: <u>JHHC.com > For Providers > Policies > Reimbursement Policies</u>. If you have questions, please contact Provider Relations at 888-895-4998.