PURPOSE:

Co-Surgeons are defined as two or more surgeons, working together simultaneously as primary surgeons, to perform distinct parts of an operative procedure. Co-surgery is always performed during the same operative session.

REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

The Plan will reimburse co-surgery procedures at 62.5% of the contract allowance, per surgeon per procedure.

Note: Delaware reimbursement references Chapter 12 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual.

RELATED POLICIES:

Refer to the following Medical Policies for additional information:

- Medicare Advantage Policy N-112: Co-Surgery
- Commercial Medical Policy S-112: Co-Surgery

ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES:

- CMS online Manual, Pub. 100-04. Chapter 12

This policy position applies to all commercial and/or Medicare Advantage lines of business as indicated above. Reimbursement policies are intended only to establish general guidelines for reimbursement under Highmark plans. Highmark retains the right to review and update its reimbursement policy guidelines at its sole discretion.