

# SPECIAL eBULLETIN

**FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS**

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## NEW REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES TO APPLY TO GLOBAL SURGERY SERVICES AND SUBSEQUENT SERVICES BEGINNING NOV. 1, 2018

Highmark's new reimbursement policy, Global Surgery and Subsequent Services, explains Highmark's reimbursement criteria for global surgery services and subsequent hospital visits, and hospital discharge day management services.

The new policy, which becomes effective on Nov. 1, 2018, includes the following reimbursement guidelines that will apply to all Commercial products:

- Preoperative and post-operative care
- Surgery and medical care on the same day
- Procedures reported with modifier 78

Highmark's Global Surgery and Subsequent Services reimbursement policy also addresses guidelines for Medicare Advantage products for the following services:

- Global surgery
- Subsequent hospital visits during the global surgery period
- Hospital discharge day management service
- Subsequent hospital visit and discharge management on the same day
- Hospital discharge management and death pronouncement
- Procedures reported with modifier 78

### WEB LOCATION OF HIGHMARK'S REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES

You can review Highmark's Reimbursement Policy RP-042, Global Surgery and Subsequent Services, on the Provider Resource Center on Nov. 1, 2018.

Reimbursement policies are located on the Provider Resource Center as an option under **CLAIMS, PAYMENT & REIMBURSEMENT**. Select **Reimbursement Policy** to review Highmark's reimbursement policies. As new reimbursement policies are developed, they will be added to the **Reimbursement Policy** page.

