

# SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

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## UPCOMING REIMBURSEMENT POLICY CHANGES

To align with industry standards, Highmark is making changes to the following reimbursement policies beginning **November 1, 2021**:

- Reimbursement Policy 004: Modifiers 52 and 53 (RP-004)
- Reimbursement Policy 005: Modifiers 54, 55, and 56 (RP-005)
- Reimbursement Policy 042: Global Surgery and Subsequent Services (RP-042)

### CHANGES TO RP-004

Highmark has updated our reimbursement amounts for modifiers 52 and 53 for commercial lines of business.

- Highmark will reimburse 50% of the allowed amount for claim lines reporting modifier 52.
- Highmark will **continue** to reimburse 50% of the allowed amount for claim lines reporting modifier 53.

For more information, review [RP-004](#).

### CHANGES TO RP-005

Highmark has added modifier 56 to RP-005 and updated the reimbursement for all modifiers included within the policy as follows:

- Highmark will reimburse 10% of the approved allowed amount for claims reporting modifier 56.
- Highmark will reimburse 70% of the approved allowed amount for claims reporting modifier 54.
- Highmark will **continue** to reimburse you at 20% of the approved allowed amount for claims reporting modifier 55.

These updates are for commercial lines of business only.

For more information, review [RP-005](#).

### CHANGEST TO RP-042

Highmark has updated our reimbursement amounts for modifier 78. We will be reimbursing you 70% of the approved allowed amount for commercial claims reporting modifier 78.

**NOTE:** New York has a different reimbursement rate noted in the policy for Medicare Advantage (MA). This change will not affect MA in Pennsylvania, Delaware, or West Virginia.

For more information, review [RP-042](#).

