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Clarification about units allowed for CPT code 99140 – *Anesthesia complicated by emergency conditions*

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) allows providers additional anesthesia reimbursement by billing Current Procedural Terminology (CPT^{®1}) code 99140 – *Anesthesia complicated by emergency conditions*. As a clarification, only one unit of CPT code 99140 is reimbursable for each anesthesia event. The maximum reimbursement for one unit of CPT code 99140 is \$27.76, which is equivalent to two base anesthesia units. For dates of service on or after May 1, 2012, claims billed for two or more units of CPT code 99140 for a single anesthesia event will be cut back to one unit for reimbursement.

As a reminder, CPT guidelines define an emergency as "...existing when delay in treatment of the patient would lead to a significant increase in the threat to life or body part." Unexpected cases, including after-hour or weekend cases, do not in themselves constitute emergencies. Field 24C – EMG (emergency indicator) on the CMS-1500 billing form indicates that services provided were for emergency care.

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