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NAME: **6040 CO-SURGEON PAID AT REDUCED AMT. WHEN ASSISTANT SUR**

ERROR TYPE: Contra Audit

HEADER/DETAIL: Detail

OVERRIDABLE: Y

ALLOW DENIAL: Y

DESCRIPTION:

This contra-indicated audit will set when a co-surgeon bills for a surgical service that has been paid to an assistant surgeon.

CRITERIA:

When a co-surgeon bills 10040-69979 with modifier 62 and payment has been made to any provider for assistant surgeon services (same procedure code with modifier AS, 80, 81, or 82) on the same date of service, set this audit with EOB 6040.

DISPOSITION:

Note: EOB 9999 with a Do Not Post status is for internal system use only. This EOB is used to avoid potential system processing abends. This EOB is not posted on the RA and the disposition may be ignored.

Claim Type: 0 - All Claim Types **Member Plan:** ALL **Status:** Do Not Post

Location	Region	EOB	Disposition
00	00	9999	PAY

Claim Type: M - Professional Claims

Member Plan: ALL **Status:** Post

Location	Region	EOB	Disposition
21	00	6040	SUSPEND
21	30	6040	PAY
21	32	6040	PAY
21	33	6040	PAY
21	34	6040	PAY

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21	52	6040	PAY
21	55	6040	PAY
21	64	6040	PAY
21	70	6040	PAY
21	72	6040	PAY
21	73	6040	PAY
21	74	6040	PAY

EOB: 6040 - CO-SURGEONS SERVICES ARE NOT REIMBURSABLE WHEN AN ASSISTANT SURGEON HAS ALREADY BEEN PAID FOR THE SAME DATE OF SERVICE.

ARC Code	ARC Description	Effective Date	End Date
54	Multiple physicians/assistants are not covered in this case. Usage: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.	19950101	22991231

EOB: 9999 - PROCESSED PER POLICY.

ARC Code	ARC Description	Effective Date	End Date
97	The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated. Usage: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110	19950101	22991231

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Service Payment
Information REF), if
present.

METHOD OF CORRECTION:

- Check for keying errors and correct any errors found.
- Access the Related History Window, which is found in the system/main menu/claims/search/enter ICN/search/open tab/related history (lists other claims that are related to this current claim).
- View the decision rule for the audit.
 - If the claim in history indicated the need for more than one co-surgeon or assistant surgeon (for example, multiple organ trauma or open-heart surgery), override the audit.
 - Check for attached medical documentation to justify the service. If no documentation is attached, deny the claim with EOB 6040.>
 - If documentation is attached, review for evidence of medical need for more than one co-surgeon or assistant surgeon (for example, multiple organ trauma or open-heart surgery).
 - If documentation exists to support more than one co-surgeon or assistant surgeon, override the audit code billed by .625 (62.5 percent).
 - If the analyst is unsure whether the audit should be overridden, forward the claim to the medical policy supervisor.

