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NAME: **6039 ASSISTANT SURGEON NOT PAYABLE WHEN CO-SURGEON PAID**

ERROR TYPE: Contra Audit

HEADER/DETAIL: Detail

OVERRIDABLE: Y

ALLOW DENIAL: Y

DESCRIPTION:

This contra-indicated audit will set when an assistant surgeon (indicated on the claim by using modifiers AS, 80, 81, and 82) bills for a surgical service (procedure codes 10040-69799, C9728) and claims history shows a co-surgeon (indicated on the claim by using modifier 62) has already paid for the same surgical service.

CRITERIA:

When the same surgical procedure (10040-69799) is billed on the same date of service using the assistant surgeon modifiers (AS, 80, 81, and 82) and claims history shows payment has been made for the same procedure (10040-69799, C9728) to the same or different billing provider using a co-surgeon modifier (62), set this audit with EOB 6039.

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
22	00	6039	SUSPEND
22	30	6039	PAY

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22	32	6039	PAY
22	33	6039	PAY
22	34	6039	PAY
22	52	6039	PAY
22	55	6039	PAY
22	64	6039	PAY
22	70	6039	PAY
22	72	6039	PAY
22	73	6039	PAY
22	74	6039	PAY

Claim Type: M - Professional Claims

Member Plan: ALL **Status:** Post

Location	Region	EOB	Disposition
22	00	6039	SUSPEND
22	30	6039	PAY
22	32	6039	PAY
22	33	6039	PAY
22	34	6039	PAY
22	52	6039	PAY
22	55	6039	PAY
22	61	6039	DENY
22	64	6039	PAY
22	70	6039	PAY
22	72	6039	PAY
22	73	6039	PAY
22	74	6039	PAY

EOB: 6039 - ASSISTANT SURGEON SERVICES NOT REIMBURSABLE WHEN CO-SURGEON HAS BEEN PAID FOR THE SAME DATE OF SERVICE.

ARC Code

54

ARC Description

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.

Effective Date

19950101

End Date

22991231

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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 Service Payment Information REF), if present.	19950101	22991231

METHOD OF CORRECTION:

- Check for keying error and correct any errors found.
- 1. Select Options from the menu bar.
- 2. Access the Related History window that lists other claims which are related to the current claim:
 - If the claim in history indicates the need for more than one co-surgeon or assistant surgeon (e.g., multiple or organ trauma, 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 6039.
 - If documentation is attached, review for evidence of medical need for more than one co-surgeon or assistant surgeon (e.g., multiple organ trauma, open heart surgery)
 - If documentation exists to support more than one co-surgeon and/or assistant surgeon, override the audit.

If the Analyst is unsure of the decision to be made, forward the claim to the Medical Advisor or unit Supervisor.

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