

# INCIDENT TO – GEORGIA MEDICAID E/M

## DOCUMENTATION AND BILLING RULES – GA MEDICAID

### **903.3 Auxiliary Personnel**

The Division has no provision for direct enrollment of, or payment to auxiliary personnel employed by the physician, such as nurses, non-physician anesthetists, unlicensed surgical assistants, or other aides. Physician's Assistant services are reimbursable only under criteria set forth in subsection 601.11 of the manual.

Certified Pediatric, OB\GYN and Family Nurse Practitioners, and CRNAs are eligible for Georgia Medicaid enrollment. Licensed physical, occupational, and speech pathology therapists are eligible for enrollment to provide services to members less than twenty-one years of age. Services provided by practitioners eligible for enrollment cannot be billed by the physician. Physicians cannot be reimbursed for services provided by physician extenders except for their enrolled physician's assistants.

When the physician employs auxiliary personnel to assist in rendering services to patients and bills the charges as part of the physician's charge for the service, the Division may reimburse the physician for such services if the following criteria are met:

1. The services are rendered in a manner consistent with the requirement of Section 601.1 of this manual.
2. The services provided are "incident to" services performed under the direct supervision of the physician as an adjunct to the physician's personal service.

**601.10** The physician shall not bill for services provided by a physician's assistant unless all the following conditions are met:

- A. The physician's assistant is licensed by the Georgia Board of Medical Examiners.
- B. The physician's assistant is be associated with one or more sponsoring physicians on file with the Georgia Composite Medical Board.
- C. Services provided by the physician's assistant shall be billed under their own assigned provider number. The physician's assistant shall not bill under the provider number assigned to the physician.
- D. No more than four PA s may provide services under the sponsoring physician at one time. (O.C.G.A. § 43-34-103 et seq).
- E. The PA's current job description must be signed by the sponsoring physician.
- F. Only medical services authorized in the PA's job description are billable to Medicaid by PAs.
- G. The physician shall be readily available for supervision and shall be responsible for follow-up care. Readily available is defined as available by telecommunications (phone, pager, and telemedicine video), or in the facility.
- H. All entries to the medical record must be co-signed and dated by the supervising physician within seven days.