

MedStar Family Choice-DC Provider Alert Multiple Surgical Reduction – Professional Billing Effective August 1, 2021

When multiple surgical procedures (10000 – 69999) are performed during the same session by the same individual, the primary procedure/service is reported without modifier -51. The additional surgical procedure(s) are identified by appending modifier -51.

In the event subsequent surgical procedures are not billed with modifier -51, MFC will reduce payment to DHCF fee schedule rate for procedure and modifier -51 combination.

This also applies to multiple surgical procedures done on the same day but billed on two separate claims by the same provider.

Exceptions to the rule are:

- Add-on Codes
- Modifier -51 Exempt Codes