

New Payment Policy for Multiple Procedures - Updated

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Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) recently revised its payment policy for multiple procedure reductions. Multiple procedures are separate procedures performed by a single physician or physicians in the same group practice on the same patient at the same operative session or on the same day for which separate payment may be allowed.

Previously (see [News and Updates - September 2, 2020](#)), Neighborhood advised providers that effective November 2, 2020, multiple surgical services (modifier-51) will be reimbursed by Relative Value Units (RVU). This change will not be effectuated, however, and providers should report the highest allowed amount without the multiple procedures modifier -51. Providers should continue to bill Neighborhood with all other applicable modifiers.

The [Multiple Procedure Payment Policy](#) applies to all lines of business (Medicaid, Commercial, and INTEGRITY) and can be found on the Neighborhood website in the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies](#) section for providers.