



<b>Notification Date:</b>	9/19/2025
<b>Claims Initiative Topic:</b>	Clerical Overpayment Recoupment
<b>Announcement:</b>	Bilateral Modifier
<b>Line of Business</b>	Medicaid
<b>Impacted Specialties:</b>	Multiple
<b>Status:</b>	In Process
<b>Estimated Completion:</b>	11/15/2025

### **Initiative Description:**

Following a post-adjudication audit, McLaren Health Plan identified claims that were inappropriately reimbursed. Per Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual MDHHS follows Medicare payment rules for bilateral procedures. The multiple procedure reduction of 50% applies to all bilateral procedures subject to multiple procedure discounting. Medicaid reimburses 150% of the fee for the procedure or the provider's charge if bilateral reporting is appropriate. Additionally, CMS bilateral surgery indicator is "0" dictates the bilateral adjustment isn't appropriate because either the physiology or anatomy are not correct or the code descriptor specifically states that it's a unilateral procedure. Dates of services impacted are from 1/1/2023 to current. This will be an ongoing pre- and post-payment review project.

To ensure compliance with MDHHS requirements, McLaren will be initiating a recovery of the impacted payments. The recovery process will begin 10/20/2025 with an estimated completion for this project by 11/15/2025.

Additional information regarding Medicaid and CMS guidelines on Medically Unlikely Edits can be found at:

#### *MDHHS Website*

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/doing-business/providers/providers/mcicaid/policyforms/mcicaid-provider-manual>

MDHHS Provider Manual Pages 49 of the Billing & Reimbursement for Professionals Section and Page 3 of the Ambulatory Surgical Centers section.

#### *CMS Website*

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/national-correct-coding-initiative-ncci-edits/medicare-ncci-medically-unlikely-edits>