

# Healthfirst Assistant Surgeon Reimbursement Rate

**May 21, 2019**

Effective August 1, 2019, when billing as an assistant surgeon you will be reimbursed at 16% of the contracted rate under your Healthfirst Provider Agreement. This change will bring Healthfirst in line with long-standing Medicare reimbursement policy and is applicable to all lines of business.

This alert serves as the minimum 90-day notice of an adverse reimbursement change, in accordance with the terms of your Healthfirst Provider Agreement. The impacted modifiers and their descriptions are listed below.

Modifier	Modifier Description	Pricing Functionality
80	Assistant Surgeon	16% of allowed amount
81	Minimum Assistant Surgeon	16% of allowed amount
82	Assistant Surgeon (when qualified resident surgeon not available)	16% of allowed amount
AS	Physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist services for assistant at surgery	16% of allowed amount