

Anesthesia code calculations

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We have revised the unit calculation to meet insurance standards. The formula for calculating and billing anesthesia codes is as follows:

Total Units = Base Units + Timed Units + Physical Status Modifier Units

Please ensure that your fee schedule(s) list the correct pricing or anesthesia codes. The new calculation will apply to future appointments only. Any past appointments that contain anesthesia codes will remain the same as when they were created.

Definitions

Base Units—The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) assigns base units for each anesthesia procedure code. These base units are loaded into DrChrono and will apply automatically based on the anesthesia code entered.

[Base Unit Resource](#)

Timed Units - Anesthesia time / 15, rounded

[Timed Units Resource](#)

Physical Status Modifier Units-

- P1 A normal healthy patient - 0 units
- P2 A patient with mild systemic disease - 0 units
- P3 A patient with severe systemic disease - 1 unit
- P4 A patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life - 2 units
- P5 A moribund patient who is not expected to survive without the operation - 3 units
- P6 A declared brain-dead patient whose organs are being removed for donor purposes - 0 units

[Physical Status Resource](#)

Utilizing in a patient's appointment

We have added the formula as an information icon in the Billing Detail screen. To see it,

1. Navigate to **Billing > Live Claims Feed**
2. Pull up the patient by name, date of service, or drc claim #.
3. Press the blue date of service to enter the billing details screen.
4. When an anesthesia code is entered, the information icon will appear.

Code/Check Date	Description	Mods/Posted Date	Service Date	Qty/Min	Dx Point	7 Base Units + 3 Timed Units - 0 Physical Status Modifier Units = 10 Total Units	Adjmt	Ins 1 paid	Ins 2 paid	Pt Paid	Ins Bal	Pt Bal	Status/Adj Type	
C 00904		P1	From date To date	45.00	1 0 0 0	50.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	Not Submitted

Appointments billed before March 12, 2025
