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Dear Physician/Provider:

Enclosed please find important information regarding changes to the Health Care District of Palm Beach County's Provider Handbook. Please add this bulletin to your current handbook. If you need any assistance, contact your Provider Representative at (561) 659-1002.

Sincerely,

Provider Services Department

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## Physician/Provider Bulletin

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Subject: Anesthesia Billing	
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**The purpose of this bulletin is to inform participating providers of correct Anesthesia billing procedures. Failure to submit correct coding may result in rejection of claims.**

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Please insert this bulletin into your Provider Handbook. The policies and procedures in this bulletin supersede any related policies and procedures within the handbook.

## 837P EDI Anesthesia Service Submission Requirements

Anesthesia time starts when the anesthesia practitioner begins to prepare the patient for anesthesia services and ends when the anesthesia practitioner is no longer furnishing anesthesia services to the beneficiary, that is, when the beneficiary may be safely placed under postoperative care. Anesthesia time is a continuous time period from the start of anesthesia to the end of an anesthesia service.

The ANSI 837 electronic claim format carries the Units of Service in loop 2400, elements SV103 and SV104. To submit anesthesia minutes, element SV103 must contain a value of 'MJ' (minutes) with the number of minutes residing in SV104. The minutes should be submitted as whole numbers (1 through 999). For example, to submit 45 minutes of anesthesiology services on an electronic claim, in loop 2400, element SV103 should contain 'MJ' and element SV104 should contain 45.

Anesthesia start and stop times should be submitted in loop 2300, elements NTE02 and NTE03. To submit anesthesia start and stop time, element NTE02 must contain a value of 'ADD' (additional information) with the start and stop time indicated in military time separated by a dash with no spaces (HH:MM-HH:MM). For example, an anesthesia service that started at 11:00 am and stopped at 1:13 pm would be submitted with "ADD" in loop 2300, element NTE02 and element NTE03 would contain 11:00-13:13.

### Requirements Specific to the 837P Transaction

Usage Key: R = Required, S = Situational

Loop Segment	ID	Segment	Data Element ID	Data Element	Usage	Comments
2300	NTE	Claim Note	NTE01	Note Reference Code	S	If anesthesia service, "ADD" qualifier should be indicated if submitting start and stop time.
2300	NTE	Claim Note	NTE02	Description	S	If anesthesia services, start and stop time should be submitted in military time with a dash and no spaces in the exact following format: HH:MM-HH:MM
2400	SV1	Professional Service Line	SV103	Unit or Basis for Measurement Code	R	'MJ' qualifer for anesthesia total minutes.
2400	SV1	Professional Service Line	SV104	Quantity	R	If anesthesia service, total minutes should be indicated here.