

Subject: **Aetna monthly OfficeLink Updates, October 2023 — policy changes and updates**

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October 2023

This month's 90-day notices and related reminders

We regularly review and adjust our clinical, payment and coding policies. Review our policies and claim edits on our Availity® provider portal.* Just go to **Payer Space > Resources > Expanded Claim Edits.**

Or you may visit [Aetna.com](https://www.aetna.com) to see them.

Changes to our National Precertification List (NPL)

This update applies to both our commercial and Medicare members.

New-to-market drugs that require precertification

- Roctavian™ (valoctocogene roxaparvovec-rvox) — precertification is required for the drug and site of care effective October 2, 2023. This drug is part of the blood-clotting-factors category.
- Columvi™ (glofitamab-gxbm) — precertification is required effective October 2, 2023.
- Eylea® HD (aflibercept) — precertification is required effective October 1, 2023. This drug is part of the ophthalmic medical injectables category.
- Jesduvroq (daprodustat) — precertification is required effective October 1, 2023 (Medicare members only).

Effective October 1, 2023, we will no longer require precertification for the site of service for colonoscopies.

Reminder: We require precertification for inpatient confinements, which includes hospital at home.

Submitting precertification requests

Be sure to submit precertification requests at least two weeks in advance. To save time, request precertification online. Doing so is fast, secure and simple.

You can submit most requests online through our [Availity provider portal](#).^{*} Or you can use your practice's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system if it's set up for electronic precertification requests. Use our "Search by CPT® code" search function on our [precertification lists](#) page to find out if the code requires precertification.^{**}

Learn more about [precertification](#).

Are you asking for precertification on a specialty drug for a commercial or Medicare member? Then submit your request through Novologix®, also available on Availity®. Not registered for Availity? Go to [Availity](#) to register and learn more.

Modifiers 59, XE, XP, XS and XU to not bypass daily unit limits

This information applies to both our commercial and Medicare members.

Effective September 1, 2023, Aetna's Maximum Units and Frequency Limits will not be bypassed if billed with modifiers 59, XE, XP, XS and XU. This policy is similar to what is found in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines.

Note to Washington State providers: Your effective date for changes described in this article will be communicated following regulatory review.

Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) modifiers FX and FY

This information applies to both our commercial and Medicare members.

Effective January 1, 2024, we will reduce payment for radiology procedures billed with modifiers FX and FY to align with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines.

- Modifier FX (X-ray taken using film): A 20% payment reduction applies to the technical component (and the technical component of the global fee).
- Modifier FY (computed radiography X-ray): A 10% payment reduction applies to the technical component (and the technical component of the global fee).

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Reimbursement for code A9279 (monitoring feature/device)

This information applies to our commercial and Medicare members.

Effective January 1, 2024, Aetna® will no longer reimburse for code A9279, since it is considered statutorily non-covered.

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**You can always find this information
on our Availity provider portal.***

[Access Availity](#)

You can also use our Code Edit Lookup tools on Availity. Just go to

Payer Space > Applications > Code Edit Lookup Tools.

And keep your Aetna® provider ID number handy to access them.

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