registered nurse first assistant (RNFA) payment policy

description of procedure/service
This policy applies to the payment for surgical assistance performed by a Registered Nurse First Assistants (RNFA) in collaboration with a physician during surgery.

RNFA definition: A registered nurse who through additional education and training has obtained the necessary technical skills and knowledge to function as the assistant to the surgeon during a surgery. The RNFA is also competent to perform individualized nursing care management before and after surgery.

policy
Fallon Community Health Plan will not reimburse separately for a RNFA assisting a physician during surgery as per Medicare guidelines.

benefits application
- FCHP Direct Care/FCHP Select Care
- FCHP Independent Care
- FCHP Flex Care Direct/Select
- Fallon Senior Plan™
- FCHP MassHealth
- Major Medical
- Bill at Home/Direct Enrollment
- Fallon Preferred Care

coverage and reimbursement criteria
Fallon Community Health Plan does not reimburse for RNFA services.

preauthorization guidelines
Not applicable.

billing/coding guidelines
Billing and coding will follow Medicare guidelines.

place of service
This policy applies to services rendered at all places of service.
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