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## Mid-Level Practitioner/Physician Extender Policy

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#### **Abstract Purpose:**

This reimbursement policy outlines Network Health’s process, for all lines of business, when services are provided by a mid-level practitioner/physician extender.

#### **Policy Detail:**

In alignment with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Network Health defines mid-level practitioners/physician extenders as non-physician providers; including but not limited to Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), Nurse Practitioners (APNP/NP) and Physician Assistants (PA) who are authorized to dispense controlled substances by the state in which they practice.

These mid-level practitioners/physician extenders will be reimbursed at eighty five percent (85%) of what a physician would be reimbursed for all of the comparable services billed, unless otherwise specified in your provider contract with Network Health.

#### **Regulatory Citations:**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

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