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Mid-Level Practitioner/Physician Extender Policy

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Abstract Purpose:

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

Policy Detail:

Network Health defines mid-level practitioners/physician extenders as health care providers such as clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who are authorized to dispense controlled substances by the state in which they practice.

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

- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Physician Assistant (PA)

<u>Example:</u>	CNS, NP or PA billed amount:	\$168.00
	CNS, NP or PA contractual reimbursement:	\$100.00
	CNS, NP or PA reimbursement:	\$85.00

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