



INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2533-MC-FFS

DATE: December 1, 2023

TO: Iowa Medicaid Optometrist

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Iowa Medicaid

RE: Administration of Anesthesia

EFFECTIVE: May 1, 2023

Per [House File 347¹](#), optometrist enrolled with Iowa Medicaid can now administer local anesthetics prior to a minor surgical procedure authorized in [Iowa Code Chapter 154²](#).

The following code for the anesthesia has been added to fee schedule for optometrists as indicated in the chart below:

CPT Code	Description	Effective Date
00148	Anesthesia for Procedures on the Head	5/1/2023

If you have questions, please contact Iowa Medicaid Provider Services or the appropriate MCO:

Iowa Medicaid Provider Services for FFS members:

- Phone: 1-800-338-7909
- Email: imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us

Amerigroup Iowa, Inc.:

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- Email: iowamedicaid@amerigroup.com
- Website: <https://providers.amerigroup.com/ia>

¹ <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=90&ba=HF347>

² <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/2020/154.1.pdf>

Iowa Total Care:

- Phone: 1-833-404-1061
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- Phone: 1-844-236-1464
- Email: iaproviderrelations@molinahealthcare.com
- Website: <https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/ia/medicaid/home.aspx>
- Provider portal: <https://www.availity.com/molinahealthcare>