

**American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Codes
Associated With CPT Surgical Codes Which May Require Prior Authorization**

ASA Code Coverage

All anesthesia codes, including coverage and limitations, are available on the online lookup table found at: <http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/stplan/lookup/CoverageLookup.php>

Prior Authorization

Anesthesiologists are **NOT** required to request prior authorization. The surgeon must obtain prior authorization when required for procedures (see online lookup table at: <http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/stplan/lookup/CoverageLookup.php>). Exceptions (to the requirement that the surgeon obtain prior authorization **before** the procedure is performed) can be considered **ONLY** under one of the following circumstances:

1. The procedure was performed in a life-threatening or justifiable emergency situation.
2. Medicaid is responsible for the delay in prior authorization.
3. The patient is retroactively eligible for Medicaid.

Retroactive authorization for services related to these exceptions may be granted "after-the-fact" with appropriate documentation and review. If approved, the associated ASA code may also be reimbursed.

For additional information about the prior authorization process, refer to the Utah Medicaid Provider Manual, SECTION 1, or contact Medicaid Information.

Billing by Anesthesiologist

The anesthesiologist is required to enter the prior authorization number obtained by the surgeon for the CPT code when billing an ASA code related to a CPT procedure for a hysterectomy, sterilization or abortion. The ASA procedure codes listed below are associated with surgical codes that may require prior authorization by Medicaid. If federal requirements for obtaining prior authorization for a hysterectomy, sterilization or abortion are not met, Medicaid cannot reimburse either the physician or the anesthesiologist.