

BROADCAST MESSAGES

EFFECTIVE DATE (CCYYMMDD): 2025-09-15 TARGET TYPE: SP
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BROADCAST TITLE (50 char): 04001 remove “S” prefix

BROADCAST MESSAGE (UP TO 5 PAGES, 12 LINES PER PAGE, 76 CHARACTERS PER LINE):

Effective October 1, 2025, the “S” prefix will be removed from fee item 04001 (Laparoscopy).

Removing the “S” prefix will allow surgical assistants to bill a surgical assist fee when a laparoscopic procedure is planned and initiated with assistance, but ultimately abandoned, and the surgeon bills fee item 04001 as compensation

Laparoscopic Operations

04001 Laparoscopy (operation only)

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PY-PAYEES -----	PAYEE NO.
PR- PRACTITIONER -----	PRACTITIONER NO.
SP-SPECIALTY -----	SPECIALTY CODE
AI-ASSOCIATION IDENTIFIER-----	MD – BC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
A -ALL -----	LEAVE TARGET KEY BLANK
PS-PAYEE STATUS -----	C - VESTED INTEREST LAB
	F - PRIMARY CARE
	H - HOSPITAL
	I - INACTIVE PAYEE
	L - LABORATORY
	M - ACTIVE PAYEE
	V - 3 RD PARTY- OUT OF PROVINCE
	Y – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENTS PROGRAM