

# Missouri Society of Pathologists



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## *An update regarding Cigna's PCCP policy*

Dear Members,

I have some exciting updates regarding the payment for professional component of pathology services (PCCP or -26 modifier) by Cigna. They first announced their intention to stop payments to pathologist for the PCCP work earlier this year. The Missouri Society of Pathologists (MSP) and many other state organizations were very active in engaging with Cigna regarding this issue. MSP stands with the CAP and AMA in our support of all pathologists getting fairly compensated for their PCCP work that provides valuable and necessary medical services for all patients, many of which are mandated by CLIA.

MSP took a leadership role in educating our members on the importance of PCCP payments and engaged the law firm of Duane Morris & Associates to represent the interests of Missouri pathologists, especially those in small practices and rural locations. We have been successful in impressing upon Cigna the need for modification of their policy. As a result, Cigna will only enforce this policy *at hospitals where they have contractual agreements regarding quality oversight of laboratories*. This is welcome news as our legal counsel feels this will affect a small minority of hospital locations. If you or your practice wishes to determine if your hospital is affected by this modified policy, MSP will be happy to direct you to our legal counsel. Alternatively, you may choose to reach out to Cigna directly or through a legal firm of your choice.

MSP continues to advocate on your behalf on this and other issues that impact the practice of pathology. Please contact me directly if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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