



Evaluation & Management (E&M) with Modifier 25 and Surgical Procedure on the Same Day

According to the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI): the CPT® Manual defines modifier 25 as a “Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service.” Modifier 25 may be appended to an E&M CPT® code to indicate that the E&M service is significant and separately identifiable from other services reported on the same date of service. The E&M service may be related to the same or different diagnosis as the other procedure(s).

Modifier 25 may be appended to E&M services reported with minor surgical procedures (with global periods of 000 or 010 days) or procedures not covered by Global Surgery Rules (with a global indicator of XXX). Since minor surgical procedures and XXX procedures include pre- procedure, intra-procedure, and post procedure work inherent in the procedure, the provider/supplier shall not report an E&M service for this work. Furthermore, Medicare Global Surgery Rules prevent the reporting of a separate E&M service for the work associated with the decision to perform a minor surgical procedure regardless of whether the patient is a new or established patient.

If a procedure has a global period of 090 days, it is defined as a major surgical procedure. If an E&M service is performed on the same date of service as a major surgical procedure to decide whether to perform this surgical procedure, the E&M service is separately reportable with modifier 57. Other preoperative E&M services on the same date of service as a major surgical procedure are included in the global payment for the procedure and are not separately reportable.

This rule will apply when an E&M service appended with modifier 25 is reported on the same day as a surgical procedure with a 0, 10, or 90-day global period.

Clinical Examples

- **Pay Example:** The documentation supports a separate and significant service was performed in addition to the pre/intra/and post-procedure work associated with the decision to perform the procedure.
- **Deny Example:** The documentation does not support a separate and significant service was performed in addition to the pre/intra/and post-procedure work associated with the decision to perform the procedure.

Additional References

NCCI Policy Manual CPT® Assistant

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