

Compliance Alert

SIU SOM Office of Compliance and Ethics

Modifier 25 Fact Sheet

Definition

Significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management (E/M) service by the **same physician*** on the day of a procedure.

**Same physician - Medicare regulation states: "Physicians in the same group practice who are in the same specialty must bill and be paid as though they were a single physician."*

All E/M services provided on the same day as a procedure are part of the procedure and Medicare only makes separate payment if an exception applies.

Appropriate Usage:

- Modifier 25 indicates that on the day of a procedure, the patient's condition required a significant, separately identifiable E/M service, above and beyond the usual pre and post-operative care associated with the procedure or service performed.
- Use Modifier 25 with the appropriate level of E/M service.
- The procedure performed has a global period listed on the Medicare Fee Schedule Relative Value File. This global period could be 000, 010, or 090 days.
- An E/M service may occur on the same day as a procedure and within the post-operative period of a previous procedure. Medicare allows payment when the documentation supports the 25 modifier and the 24 modifier (unrelated E/M during a post-operative period.)
- Use Modifier 25 in the rare circumstance of an E/M service the day before a major surgery that is not the decision for surgery and represents a significant, separately identifiable service.

Inappropriate Usage:

- A physician other than the physician* performing the procedure.
- Documentation shows the amount of work performed is consistent with that normally performed with the procedure.

The Following Statements are False:

- I can always use this modifier when I did not plan the procedure.
- I can always use this modifier when the diagnoses are different.
- I can never use this modifier when the diagnoses are the same.

Procedure Codes:

G0181-G0182 Care Plan Oversight Supervision

99201-99499 E/M all locations

Example:

The physician sees the patient for a condition requiring a significant and separately identifiable E/M service prior to removing a wart. See below for codes and proper placement of 25 modifier.

17. NAME OF REFERRING PROVIDER OR OTHER SOURCE		17a.	14. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES					
19. RESERVED FOR LOCAL USE		17b. NPI	FROM	TO				
21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY (Revise Items 1, 2, 3 or 4 as appropriate)			MM DD YY	MM DD YY				
1. 5396			20. OUTSIDE LAB? \$ CHARGES					
2. 4150			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
3.			22. MEDICAD REDEMPTION CODES ORIGINAL REF. NO.					
4.			23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER					
24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE	B. PLACE OF SERVICE	C. D. PROCEDURE, SERVICE, OR SUPPLIES	E. DIAGNOSIS	F. \$ CHARGES	G. DAYS OR UNITS	H. PROT. FROM REP.	I. ID. QUAL.	J. REFERRING PROVIDER ID. #
From To	EMG	(Specify Unusual Circumstances) MODIFIER	POINT/ENTER					
MM DD YY MM DD YY								
1	06 24 06	11	99214 25	1	63.00	001	NPI	1234567890
2	06 24 06	11	17110	2	141.00	001	NPI	0123456789
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The physician appended modifier 25 to the wrong code.

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Sources:

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