

Replace Independent Procedure with Separate Procedure PHASE 1

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Summary of Logic Change:

Remove Independent Procedure designation and replace with Separate Procedure definition.

Eligibility:

Separate procedures are defined in the CPT Book as services that are "commonly carried out as an integral component of a total service or procedure." These services are noted in the CPT Book with the parenthetical phrase (separate procedure) at the end of the description. When this phrase appears before the semicolon, all indented descriptions that follow are covered by it.

Rationale:

The guidelines as given in the CPT Book instruct that "the codes designated as 'separate procedure' should not be reported in addition to the code for the total procedure or service of which it is considered an integral component." The CPT Book further instructs that it is appropriate to report a separate procedure code by itself when the service is "carried out independently or considered to be unrelated or distinct from other procedures/services provided at that time." If a separate procedure code is to be reported in addition to other procedures/services, a modifier -59 should be appended. See PHASE 2.

Disclaimer:

Eligibility, benefits, limitations, exclusions, precert/referral/coverage requirements, provider contracts and specific medical policy still apply to these changes in reimbursement rules. This change does not supercede these other product requirements.

Table of eligible codes attached

Independence Blue Cross
Independent Procedure Codes (PPO)

Effective for services rendered on or after June 9, 2003, the following codes may be billed with a 59 modifier:

D7990	27306	33210	44314	49423	56304	65815
G0159	27605	33211	44316	49424	56305	65860
G0169	27606	33242	44320	49570	56306	65865
S2204	27685	33800	44322	50100	56320	65870
X2825	28230	36410	44340	50340	56343	65875
X2912	28250	36800	44345	50600	56344	65880
X2934	28260	36810	44346	50650	56350	66020
X2946	29800	36815	44360	50900	56605	66030
11755	29805	36821	44376	51045	56606	66500
19100	29815	36822	44380	51520	56810	66505
20100	29830	36825	44385	51525	57020	66625
20101	29840	36830	44388	51570	57100	66630
20102	29860	36831	44500	51880	57180	66635
20103	29870	36832	44680	52000	57268	66682
20500	29875	36833	44820	52500	57270	66825
20650	29884	36834	44850	53000	57415	67025
20660	30801	36835	45300	53010	57500	67028
20670	30802	36860	45303	53020	57530	67250
21070	31231	36861	45378	53025	57800	67255
21100	31505	37780	45900	53080	58100	67343
21280	31595	38562	45905	53230	58555	67500
21610	31600	38564	45910	53235	58660	67715
21750	31601	38760	45915	53520	58700	68360
24006	31622	38765	46040	54000	58720	68770
24149	31700	38770	46080	54001	58800	69210
24340	31720	38780	46211	54100	58805	69310
25230	31725	42870	46220	54402	58900	69670
25250	32001	43200	46600	54407	59200	69700
26170	32002	43234	46940	54500	60520	92961
26180	32020	43235	46942	54505	60521	
26185	32220	43260	47460	54620	60522	
26500	32225	43653	47480	54660	60540	
26502	32310	43830	47552	55200	60545	
26504	32601	43848	47900	55250	61050	
27000	32602	44005	49000	55450	61210	
27005	32603	44130	49010	55520	61440	
27006	32604	44200	49250	55530	65125	
27090	32605	44300	49255	55550	65800	
27140	32606	44310	49320	56300	65805	
27161	33140	44312	49400	56303	65810	