

Significant, Separately Identifiable E/M Service by Same Physician on Same Day of Procedure or Other Service Modifier -25

Summary of Logic Change:

Allow reimbursement for attached E/M services appended with Modifier -25 when submitted on the same day as a procedure or other service.

Eligibility:

Codes from the E/M range of the CPT manual as well as the ophthalmology evaluation and management services from the Medicine section of CPT.

Rationale:

Modifier -25 indicates that on a day a procedure or service identified by a CPT code was performed, the patient's condition required a significant, separately identifiable E/M service above and beyond the usual preoperative and postoperative care associated with the procedure that was performed. IBC will follow Medicare guidelines regarding its use. Medicare does not recognize starred procedure rules and requires the use of Modifier -25 when a separately identifiable E/M service is performed on the same day as a starred procedure. Medicare allows separate payment for two unrelated office visits provided on the same date by the same physician when the visits occur at different times of day. Modifier -25 must be appended to the second visit.

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

Procedure Code Modifier -Worksheet Data Elements

Inclusion of a code on any of these lists does not imply reimbursement. Eligibility, Benefits, Limitations, Exclusions, Precert/Referral Requirements, Provider Contracts and Policy still apply.

Data Elements	Value
Modifier Code	25
Modifier Narrative	Significant separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician on the same day of the procedure or other service
Applicable Procedure Code(s)	Procedure Codes 92002 - 92014, 99201 - 99499, G0101, G0175