

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Modifier 59, XE, XP, XS, XU-IN MCD-PY-1366
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2. Are performed at separate patient encounters on the same date of service.
- E. Modifier XU (or 59, when applicable) may be used when a diagnostic procedure is performed before a therapeutic procedure only when
1. The diagnostic procedure is the basis for performing the therapeutic procedure, and
 2. It occurs before the therapeutic procedure and is not mingled with services the therapeutic intervention requires, and
 3. Provides clearly the information needed to decide whether to proceed with the therapeutic procedure, and
 4. Does not constitute a service that would have otherwise been required during the therapeutic intervention. If the diagnostic procedure is an inherent component of the surgical procedure, it cannot be reported separately.
- F. Modifiers XU (or 59, when applicable) may be used when a diagnostic procedure is performed after a therapeutic procedure only when
1. The diagnostic procedure is not a common, expected, or necessary follow-up to the therapeutic procedure, and
 2. It occurs after the completion of the therapeutic procedure and is not mingled with or otherwise mixed with services that the therapeutic intervention requires, and
 3. Does not constitute a service that would have otherwise been required during the therapeutic intervention. If the post-procedure diagnostic procedure is an inherent component or otherwise included (eg, not separately payable) post-procedure service of the surgical procedure or non-surgical therapeutic procedure, it cannot be reported separately.

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G. Review/Revision History

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H. References

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The REIMBURSEMENT Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the REIMBURSEMENT Policy Statement Policy and is approved.