

OFFICE VISITS WITH SURGERY

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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II. DESCRIPTION

When surgery is performed at the time of the office visit.

III. POLICY

When a surgical procedure is performed at the time of an office visit, both the office visit and the surgical procedure are covered when modifier 25 is used as the basis for this situation (indicates that the patient's condition required a significant, separately identifiable Evaluation and Management (E/M) service above and beyond the usual preoperative and postoperative care associated with the procedure that was performed). If the modifier is not used, the charge for the office visit is to be denied.

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