



Modifier 79 Fact Sheet

Definition:

- Unrelated procedure by the same physician during the post-operative period

Appropriate Usage:

- To describe an unrelated procedure performed during the post-operative period of the original procedure.
- The two procedures are performed by the same physician
- All procedure codes except those with XXX in the GLOB (global) field of the MPFSDB.
- Used on services during the post-operative period starting the day after the procedure

Inappropriate Usage:

- The procedure performed is related to the original procedure or a staged procedure.
- If the services performed are related to the original procedure, it is considered part of the global period.



Example:

During the post-op period of a hip replacement surgery, the patient falls and injures his elbow. The patient required surgery to repair the fracture.

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During the post-operative period of a shoulder surgery, the patient has complications from the surgery.

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