

-57 Decision for Surgery Modifier

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The -57 Decision for Surgery Modifier should be appended to Evaluation and Management services that resulted in the initial decision to perform surgery either the same day of, or the day before, a major surgical procedure (90 day global surgery) is performed.

Product Information

The information outlined below applies to all UCare products.

Payment Information

- UCare will provide separate payment for an Evaluation and Management service provided on the day prior to or the day of a major surgery when billed with the -57 modifier.
- Payment for eligible services will be based on 100% of the UCare base allowed amount.
- While it is not required to submit documentation with the claim, the information must be made available upon request.
- Refer to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) to determine the global period associated with a surgical procedure. A link to Medicare's database is provided below.

Appropriate Use

- Appended to an Evaluation and Management service resulting in the decision to perform surgery the day of or day before a major surgical procedure.

Inappropriate Use

- Appending the -57 modifier to any other CPT or HCPCS code other than Evaluation and Management Services.
- Appending the -57 modifier to a surgical procedure.
- The "-57" modifier is not used with minor surgeries because the global period for minor surgeries does not include the day prior to the surgery.

Additional Links

[Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base \(MPFSDB\)](#)

[Medicare Claims Processing Manual \(cms.gov\) Section 30.6.6](#)

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