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Web Announcement 263

Claims Overpaid for Surgical Codes Billed with Modifier 62 (Two Surgeons)

Modifier 62 (Two surgeons) is used with procedure codes when co-surgeons work together as primary surgeons performing distinct parts of a procedure. The surgeons have different specialties and both surgeons are required to perform the procedure.

The reimbursement rate for surgical codes billed with modifier 62 is 75% of the code's base rate for each co-surgeon. Claims billed with modifier 62 that were overpaid at 150% of the base rate have been reprocessed and adjusted to pay correctly at 75% of the code's base rate. The remittance advice dated June 12, 2009, shows the adjudication of any affected claims.



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