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Instructions for the Use of Modifiers 25 and EP with Vaccine and Vaccine Administration Codes

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2013, when **clinical circumstances justify the use**, providers may use modifier 25 and modifier EP with preventive medicine service codes (99381-99385) when they are reported in conjunction with any immunization administration service (90460-90461, 90471-90474).

Use modifier 25 with other non-preventive medicine evaluation and management (E/M) services (e.g., codes 99212-99215) when reported in conjunction with immunization administration **when the E/M service is significant and separately identifiable**. Exception: If a vaccine is billed with the same date of service as code 99211, National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits do not permit the E/M code to be reimbursable.

Modifier 25 indicates significant, separately identifiable E/M service by the same physician on the same day of the procedure or other service. Modifier EP indicates routine Healthy Kids/EPSTD screening.

Modifiers may be appended to HCPCS/CPT codes **only** if the clinical circumstances justify the use of the modifier. A modifier should not be appended to a HCPCS/CPT code solely to bypass NCCI edits if the clinical circumstances do not justify its use.