

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



November 1, 2022

### Reimbursement Policy Changes for Minnesota Health Care Programs

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is publishing a new Reimbursement Policy combining the policies “Modifier 25 – Significant Separate E&M Services” and “Modifier 57 – Decision for Surgery”.

The new Reimbursement Policy, titled “Modifiers 25 and 57: Evaluation and Management with Global Procedures” will be published and effective January 1, 2023, and includes a change in reimbursement.

#### Modifier -25 Fee Schedule Reduction in Reimbursement

Effective for dates of service beginning January 1, 2023, Blue Cross will apply a 20% reduction in the allowed amount for E&M codes 99202-99380 and 99401-99498 submitted with modifier -25 on a professional claim performed by the same provider on the same day of the original service or procedure if certain criteria is met. This reimbursement change reduces the duplication of overhead payment for the E&M that is billed in addition to a procedure or a preventive visit.

#### Products Impacted

- Families and Children (F&C)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare)

#### Questions?

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