

99024 Global Postoperative Visits

Global payment policy for surgical procedures is a concept under which a “single fee” is billed and paid for services furnished by the surgeon before, during and after the procedure.

99024 - Postoperative follow-up visit, normally included in the surgical package, to indicate that an evaluation and management service was performed during a postoperative period for a reason(s) related to the original procedure.

- Applies to surgeries with 90 and 10 day global periods.
- Indicates that a required postoperative visit has been provided.
- Zero dollar amount associated with 99024. Payment has already been received through the single global surgical payment.
- Does not require the same documentation requirements as standard evaluation and management services. Documentation should describe the patient’s recovery from the surgical procedure and continued treatment plan.
- Surgeons who do not provide the required postoperative visits must bill the original surgery CPT code with modifier 54 - surgical care only. The physician who takes responsibility for the postoperative visits would bill the same original surgery CPT code with modifier 55 - postoperative management only.

Key Points:

- Surgeons must provide and document the required postoperative visits.
- 99024 must be submitted to verify that the required postoperative visits have been provided.
- Failure to submit 99024 for surgical procedures with 90 and 10 global periods can easily be identified through simple data mining techniques.
- Failure to submit 99024 can result in both reimbursement and quality of care reviews.