

**URMC Compliance Office
Guidance for Use of Modifier 57
Decision for Surgery**

Modifier 57 Decision for Surgery: add Modifier 57 to the appropriate level of E/M service provided on the day before or day of surgery, in which the initial decision is made to perform major surgery. Major surgery includes all surgical procedures assigned a 90-day global surgery period. The global surgery policy includes the E/M service provided on the day before or the day of the major surgery procedures unless the E/M service resulted in the decision to perform surgery. CPT codes for use with modifier -57 are 92002 to 92014 and 99201-99499, (including ED codes 99281-99285).

Reference guide to the use of Modifier -57

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Evaluation and Management (E/M)	Documented E/M meets criteria specified in code Initial decision to perform the surgical procedure on same day or another day (E/M day before or day of major surgery that resulted in initial decision to perform the surgical procedure)
Type of Procedure	Surgical procedure (Procedures assigned a 90-day global surgery period)
Different diagnoses required for E/M and procedure	No
E/M and procedure must be related	No

Example:

This is an Emergency Room visit for a 65 year old female who suffered a severe ankle trauma in a fall. Patient was found to have a displaced trimalleolar ankle fracture. Closed treatment of the ankle fracture with manipulation is recommended.

	Incomplete Billing	Complete Billing
Diagnosis	824.8 (Fracture of ankle, unspecified, closed)	824.8 (Fracture of ankle, unspecified, closed)
Code	99284 – Emergency Visit 27818 – Closed treatment of trimalleolar ankle fracture; with manipulation	99284-57 27818-LT-54