



Appropriate use of Modifier -25:

The modifier -25 is defined as a significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management (E/M) service by the same physician or other qualified health care professional on the same day of a procedure or other service.

Medicare defines same physician as physicians in the same group practice who are of the same specialty. In this instance they must bill and be paid as though they were a single physician.

Modifier -25 indicates that on the day of a procedure, the patient's condition required a significant, separately identifiable E/M service, above and beyond the usual pre-and post-operative care associated with the procedure or service performed.

All E/M services provided on the same day as a procedure are part of the procedure and Medicare only makes separate payment if an exception applies.

Example **Table 1**: The CMS-1500 excerpt illustrates reporting of only OtoSight services.

TABLE 1

17. NAME OF REFERRING PROVIDER OR OTHER SOURCE										17a.		17b. NPI		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
19. ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (Designated by NUCC)														18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
OtoSight Middle Ear Scope K191804														18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY (Include A1, to service line below (HIE))										ICD-9-CM				18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
A. H65.22										B.		C.		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
E.										F.		G.		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
L.										K.		L.		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
24. A. DATES OF SERVICE										B. PLACE OF SERVICE		C. PROCEDURE, SERVICE, OR SUPPLIES		E. DIAGNOSIS		F. CHARGES		G. DAYS OF WEEK		H. SPECIALTY		I. RENDERING PROVIDER ID #	
05 10 23 05 10 23 11										485T LT		A		XXX.XX		1		NPI		987654321A			

Example **Table 2**: The Table 2 excerpt shows how OtoSight services may be reported when provided on the same day, with the same physician as other services. Here, the E/M code 99214 includes the -25 Modifier indicating this as a separate and distinct and identifiable service.

TABLE 2

17. NAME OF REFERRING PROVIDER OR OTHER SOURCE										17a.		17b. NPI		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
19. ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (Designated by NUCC)														18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
OtoSight Middle Ear Scope K191804														18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY (Include A1, to service line below (HIE))										ICD-9-CM				18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
A. H66.93										B. J20.6		C.		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
E.										F.		G.		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
L.										K.		L.		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES									
24. A. DATES OF SERVICE										B. PLACE OF SERVICE		C. PROCEDURE, SERVICE, OR SUPPLIES		E. DIAGNOSIS		F. CHARGES		G. DAYS OF WEEK		H. SPECIALTY		I. RENDERING PROVIDER ID #	
05 10 23 05 10 23 11										87081		A, B		XX.XX		1		NPI		987654321A			
05 10 23 05 10 23 11										0486T		A, B		XXX.XX		1		NPI		987654321A			
05 10 23 05 10 23 11										99214 25		A, B		XXX.XX		1		NPI		987654321A			

NOTE: Pursuant to the current National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI), use of modifier -25 appended to any E/M service is elective when OtoSight exam is reported. However, CMS plans and the vast majority of commercial plans are requiring use of modifier -25 with the E/M service.