

# BILATERAL PROCEDURES POLICY (CES)

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## Related Policies

- Refer to the [Reimbursement Guidelines](#) section of the policy

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The services described in Oxford policies are subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the member's contract or certificate. Unless otherwise stated, Oxford policies do not apply to Medicare Advantage members. Oxford reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify policies as necessary without prior written notice unless otherwise required by Oxford's administrative procedures or applicable state law. The term Oxford includes Oxford Health Plans, LLC and all of its subsidiaries as appropriate for these policies.

Certain policies may not be applicable to Self-Funded members and certain insured products. Refer to the member specific benefit plan document or Certificate of Coverage to determine whether coverage is provided or if there are any exclusions or benefit limitations applicable to any of these policies. If there is a difference between any policy and the member specific benefit plan document or Certificate of Coverage, the member specific benefit plan document or Certificate of Coverage will govern.

UnitedHealthcare may also use tools developed by third parties, such as the MCG™ Care Guidelines, to assist us in administering health benefits. The MCG™ Care Guidelines are intended to be used in connection with the independent professional medical judgment of a qualified health care provider and do not constitute the practice of medicine or medical advice.

## APPLICABLE LINES OF BUSINESS/PRODUCTS

This policy applies to Oxford Commercial plan membership.

## APPLICATION

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS-1500) or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all network and non-network physicians and other qualified health care professionals, including, but not limited to, non-network authorized and percent of charge contract physicians and other qualified health care professionals.

## OVERVIEW

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes on the Oxford Bilateral Eligible Procedures Policy List describe unilateral procedures that can be performed on both sides of the body during the same session by the Same Individual Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional. CPT or HCPCS codes with bilateral in their intent or with bilateral written in their description should not be reported with the bilateral modifier 50, or modifiers LT and RT, because the code is inclusive of the Bilateral Procedure.

For the purpose of this policy, the Same Individual Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional is the same individual rendering health care services reporting the same Federal Tax Identification number.

### **Bilateral Eligible List**

The Oxford [Bilateral Eligible Procedures List](#) is developed based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) Relative Value File status indicators.

All codes in the NPFS with the "bilateral" status indicators "1" or "3" are considered by Oxford to be eligible for bilateral services as indicated by the bilateral modifier 50.

Oxford will apply CMS's payment adjustment methodology to bilateral eligible procedures with a bilateral indicator of "1" regardless of the Multiple Procedure Indicator when the procedure code is reported bilaterally with a modifier 50 or on separate lines with modifiers LT and RT for the same structure. The procedure code will be eligible for reimbursement at 150% of the allowable amount for a single procedure code, not to exceed billed charges, with one side reimbursed at 100% and the other side reimbursed at 50% of the allowable amount. When other reducible procedure codes are reported on the same date of service, an additional multiple procedure/imaging reduction may or may not be applied to the line paid at 100% depending on whether another procedure code is ranked as primary or not.

When a bilateral eligible code with a bilateral indicator of "3" is reported with modifier 50 and is not subject to reductions under the *Multiple Procedures Payment Reduction (MPPR) for Medical and Surgical Services* or *Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) for Diagnostic Imaging* policies, the code will be eligible for reimbursement at 100% of the allowable amount for each side for a sum of 200% of the allowable amount not to exceed billed charges.

For more information regarding the reduction of Bilateral Procedures, refer to see Oxford's *Multiple Procedures Payment Reduction (MPPR) for Medical and Surgical Services* and *Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) for Diagnostic Imaging* policies.

- [Bilateral Eligible Procedures List](#)
- [CMS Files for Download](#)

### **Bilateral Modifier (50)**

Bilateral Procedures that are performed at the same session should be identified by adding modifier 50 to the appropriate CPT or HCPCS code. The procedure should be billed on one line with modifier 50 and one unit with the full charge for both procedures. A procedure code submitted with modifier 50 is a reimbursable service as set forth in this policy only when it is listed on the [Bilateral Eligible Procedures List](#).

When a CPT or HCPCS code is reported with modifier 50 and the code is not listed on the Oxford Bilateral Eligible Procedures Policy List, the code will not be reimbursed.

CPT or HCPCS codes with 'bilateral' or 'unilateral or bilateral' written in the description are not on Oxford's Bilateral Eligible Procedures Policy List and will not be reimbursed with modifier 50.

There are rare instances in which a bilateral service may be performed on multiple sites and not just bilaterally. In those instances, use modifier 59 to report the additional units beyond the bilateral services performed indicating that the services were performed on a different site or organ system. Medical record documentation must support the use of modifier 59 or XS.

### **Procedure Codes with the Term "Bilateral" in the Description**

When CPT or HCPCS codes with "bilateral" or "unilateral or bilateral" written in the description are reported, special consideration will be given when reported with modifiers LT or RT.

When a CPT or HCPCS procedure code exists for both a unilateral and a Bilateral Procedure, select the code that best represents the procedure.

#### [Codes with "Bilateral" in the Description List](#)

Consistent with CPT guidelines, if a unilateral procedure has not been defined by CPT or HCPCS and only a bilateral description of a procedure exists, report the code with "bilateral" in the description with modifier 52 (reduced services) when the procedure is performed unilaterally. For more information on reimbursement for reduced services, see Oxford's *Reduced Services* policy.

For Oxford purposes, when both modifiers LT and RT are reported separately for codes with "bilateral" in the description, only one charge will be eligible for reimbursement up to the respective Maximum Frequency per Day (MFD)

value as the procedure is inherently bilateral. For additional information, refer to the Questions and Answers section, [Q&A3](#). For more information on maximum frequency per day values, see Oxford's *Maximum Frequency Per Day* policy.

When a procedure with "unilateral or bilateral" written in the description is performed unilaterally, then the CPT or HCPCS procedure code need not be reported with modifier 52 since the procedure description already indicates that the service can be performed either unilaterally or bilaterally.

#### [Codes with "Unilateral or Bilateral" in the Description List](#)

The use of modifiers LT or RT will be recognized as informational only when the procedure with "unilateral or bilateral" in the description is performed on only one side. Consistent with CMS guidelines, when both modifiers LT and RT are reported separately on the same day by the Same Individual Physician or Other Health Care Professional, only one charge will be eligible for reimbursement up to the maximum frequency per day limit.

For maximum frequency per day limits, see Oxford's *Maximum Frequency Per Day* policy.

### DEFINITIONS

**Bilateral Procedures:** The same procedure performed on both sides of the body during the same session.

**Same Individual Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional:** The same individual rendering health care services reporting the same Federal Tax Identification Number.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1	Q:	How should CPT or HCPCS codes such as an excision of benign lesion be billed when they are performed on both sides of the body and are not CMS bilateral eligible?
	A:	An excision of a lesion is not truly bilateral. It should be billed with units, rather than the bilateral modifier.
2	Q:	If a code has the term 'bilateral' in its definition, can it be reported with modifier 50?
	A:	No. For example, if a CPT code includes the term 'bilateral' and is inherently a bilateral procedure, then the code does not appear on Oxford's Bilateral Eligible Procedures List and may not be reported with modifier 50.
3	Q:	If a code has the term 'bilateral' in its definition, yet the procedure was only performed on one side, how should this be reported?
	A:	If a code exists for the comparable unilateral procedure, report the appropriate unilateral code. If a code does not exist for the comparable unilateral procedure, report the bilateral code with modifier 52 appended. In this instance, modifiers LT or RT may be reported in another modifier position on the same claim line to describe which side the reduced procedure was performed on.
4	Q:	Does one individual CPT or HCPCS code ever have more than one NPFS bilateral status indicator designation?
	A:	Yes, on occasion a code may have a global, professional, and technical component. The NPFS bilateral status indicator may vary between the components. When this occurs and one of the status indicators is bilateral eligible (e.g., NPFS bilateral indicator "1" or "3") and another is not bilateral eligible (e.g., NPFS bilateral indicator "0", "2" or "9"), the code is added to the <i>Bilateral Eligible Procedures Policy List</i> .
5	Q:	What is the most appropriate way for a physician or other health care professional to bill Oxford for a Bilateral Procedure?
	A:	The procedure should be billed on one line with a modifier 50 and one unit with the full charge for both procedures.
6	Q:	What is the most appropriate way for a physician or other health care professional to report to Oxford for hand or foot codes that are on the <i>Bilateral Eligible Procedures Policy List</i> , but the same procedure is performed bilaterally on only one digit of each hand or foot?
	A:	If the same procedure is performed on the same digit on each hand or foot, report the procedure with modifier 50. If the same procedure is performed on a different digit or multiple digits of each hand or foot, report the procedure with the appropriate digit modifiers [e.g., FA or F1-9 (fingers), TA or T1-9 (toes)].

7	Q:	What is the most appropriate way for a physician or other health care professional to report to Oxford for bilateral eligible spinal codes such as a laminotomy, if the procedure is performed on multiple levels of the same spinal region?
	A:	If the laminotomy is performed bilaterally, report the appropriate code with modifier 50 for the first interspace. If a laminotomy of a second interspace is performed bilaterally, use add-on codes to represent additional levels rather than sides. If a laminotomy of additional interspaces (3 or more) is performed bilaterally, report the appropriate code with modifiers 50 and 59 or XS with the appropriate number of units.
8	Q:	Does Oxford accept modifier 50 on all codes where the CPT book indicates coding guidelines to report modifier 50 when performing the procedure bilaterally?
	A:	No. Oxford follows the Bilateral Procedures payment indicators "1" or "3" = to determine which codes are eligible for bilateral services.
9	Q:	Does Oxford apply a reduction to Bilateral Procedures with a payment indicator of "1" if the Multiple Procedure Reduction indicator is "0"?
	A:	Yes. Oxford applies a reduction to all Bilateral Procedures with a payment indicator of "1" when billed with a modifier 50 or on separate lines with modifiers LT and RT regardless of the Multiple Procedure Reduction indicator.

## APPLICABLE CODES

CPT/HCPCS Codes										
Bilateral Eligible Procedures with Payment Indicator 1										
0200T	0213T	0214T	0215T	0216T	0217T	0218T	0228T	0229T	0230T	0231T
0308T	0485T	0510T	0511T	0524T	10035	11450	11451	11462	11463	11970
11971	15777	15820	15821	15822	15823	15824	15825	15826	15828	15829
15832	15833	15834	15836	15878	15879	19020	19030	19081	19083	19085
19100	19101	19105	19110	19112	19120	19125	19281	19283	19285	19287
19296	19298	19300	19301	19302	19303	19305	19306	19307	19316	19318
19324	19325	19328	19330	19340	19342	19350	19355	19357	19361	19364
19366	19367	19368	19369	19370	19371	19380	19396	19499	20100	20150
20526	20527	20550	20600	20604	20605	20606	20610	20611	20663	20802
20805	20808	20824	20827	20838	20939	20973	20982	20983	21010	21030
21031	21050	21060	21070	21073	21077	21086	21116	21240	21242	21243
21247	21255	21256	21267	21268	21270	21280	21282	21295	21296	21355
21356	21360	21365	21366	21385	21386	21387	21390	21395	21400	21401
21406	21407	21408	21465	21480	21485	21490	21615	21616	21700	21705
21811	21812	21813	23000	23020	23031	23035	23040	23044	23065	23066
23071	23073	23075	23076	23077	23078	23100	23101	23105	23106	23107
23120	23125	23130	23140	23145	23146	23150	23155	23156	23170	23172
23174	23180	23182	23184	23190	23195	23200	23210	23220	23330	23333
23334	23335	23350	23400	23410	23412	23415	23420	23430	23440	23450
23455	23460	23462	23465	23466	23470	23472	23473	23474	23480	23485
23490	23491	23500	23505	23515	23520	23525	23530	23532	23540	23545
23550	23552	23570	23575	23585	23600	23605	23615	23616	23620	23625
23630	23650	23655	23660	23665	23670	23675	23680	23700	23800	23802
23920	23921	23930	23931	23935	24000	24006	24065	24066	24071	24073
24075	24076	24077	24079	24100	24101	24102	24105	24110	24115	24116
24120	24125	24126	24130	24134	24136	24138	24140	24145	24147	24149
24150	24152	24155	24160	24164	24200	24201	24220	24300	24330	24331
24332	24340	24341	24342	24343	24344	24345	24346	24357	24358	24359
24360	24361	24362	24363	24365	24366	24370	24371	24400	24410	24420

## CPT/HCPCS Codes

**Bilateral Eligible Procedures with Payment Indicator 1**

24430	24435	24470	24495	24498	24500	24505	24515	24516	24530	24535
24538	24545	24546	24560	24565	24566	24575	24576	24577	24579	24582
24586	24587	24600	24605	24615	24620	24635	24640	24650	24655	24665
24666	24670	24675	24685	24800	24802	24900	24920	24925	24930	24931
24935	24940	24999	25000	25001	25020	25023	25024	25025	25028	25031
25035	25040	25065	25066	25071	25073	25075	25076	25077	25078	25085
25100	25101	25105	25107	25109	25110	25111	25112	25115	25116	25118
25119	25120	25125	25126	25130	25135	25136	25145	25150	25151	25170
25215	25230	25240	25246	25248	25250	25251	25259	25275	25300	25301
25315	25316	25320	25332	25335	25337	25350	25355	25360	25365	25370
25375	25390	25391	25392	25393	25394	25400	25405	25415	25420	25425
25426	25430	25431	25440	25441	25442	25443	25444	25445	25446	25447
25449	25450	25455	25490	25491	25492	25500	25505	25515	25520	25525
25526	25530	25535	25545	25560	25565	25574	25575	25600	25605	25606
25607	25608	25609	25622	25624	25628	25630	25635	25645	25650	25651
25652	25660	25670	25671	25675	25676	25680	25685	25690	25695	25800
25805	25810	25820	25825	25830	25900	25905	25907	25909	25915	25920
25922	25924	25927	25929	25931	25999	26025	26030	26037	26040	26045
26070	26075	26100	26105	26121	26123	26130	26185	26340	26341	26508
26516	26517	26518	26546	26550	26551	26553	26554	26580	26641	26645
26650	26665	26820	26841	26842	27000	27001	27003	27005	27006	27025
27027	27030	27033	27035	27036	27040	27041	27043	27045	27047	27048
27049	27050	27052	27054	27057	27059	27060	27062	27065	27066	27067
27070	27071	27078	27086	27087	27090	27091	27093	27095	27096	27097
27098	27100	27105	27110	27111	27120	27122	27125	27130	27132	27134
27137	27138	27140	27146	27147	27151	27156	27161	27165	27170	27175
27176	27177	27178	27179	27181	27185	27187	27220	27222	27226	27227
27228	27230	27232	27235	27236	27238	27240	27244	27245	27246	27248
27250	27252	27253	27254	27256	27257	27258	27259	27265	27266	27267
27268	27269	27279	27280	27284	27286	27295	27299	27301	27303	27305
27306	27307	27310	27323	27324	27325	27326	27327	27328	27329	27330
27331	27332	27333	27334	27335	27337	27339	27340	27345	27347	27350
27355	27356	27357	27360	27364	27365	27369	27372	27380	27381	27385
27386	27390	27393	27396	27397	27400	27403	27405	27407	27409	27412
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27479	27485	27486	27487	27488	27495	27496	27497	27498	27499	27500
27501	27502	27503	27506	27507	27508	27509	27510	27511	27513	27514
27516	27517	27519	27520	27524	27530	27532	27535	27536	27538	27540
27550	27552	27556	27557	27558	27560	27562	27566	27570	27580	27590
27591	27592	27594	27596	27598	27599	27600	27601	27602	27603	27604
27605	27606	27607	27610	27612	27613	27614	27615	27616	27618	27619
27620	27625	27626	27630	27632	27634	27635	27637	27638	27640	27641
27645	27646	27647	27648	27650	27652	27654	27656	27675	27676	27681
27685	27686	27687	27690	27691	27695	27696	27698	27700	27702	27703

## CPT/HCPCS Codes

**Bilateral Eligible Procedures with Payment Indicator 1**

27704	27705	27707	27709	27712	27715	27720	27722	27724	27725	27726
27727	27730	27732	27734	27740	27742	27745	27750	27752	27756	27758
27759	27760	27762	27766	27767	27768	27769	27780	27781	27784	27786
27788	27792	27808	27810	27814	27816	27818	27822	27823	27824	27825
27826	27827	27828	27829	27830	27831	27832	27840	27842	27846	27848
27860	27870	27871	27880	27881	27882	27884	27886	27888	27889	27892
27893	27894	27899	28008	28035	28039	28041	28043	28045	28046	28047
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28103	28110	28111	28112	28113	28114	28116	28118	28119	28120	28122
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28305	28306	28307	28308	28309	28310	28315	28320	28344	28360	28400
28405	28406	28415	28420	28430	28435	28436	28445	28446	28490	28495
28496	28505	28530	28531	28540	28545	28546	28555	28570	28575	28576
28585	28705	28715	28725	28730	28735	28737	28740	28750	28755	28760
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29440	29445	29450	29505	29515	29520	29530	29540	29550	29580	29581
29584	29705	29710	29750	29800	29804	29805	29806	29807	29819	29820
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29836	29837	29838	29840	29843	29844	29845	29846	29847	29848	29850
29851	29855	29856	29860	29861	29862	29863	29866	29867	29868	29870
29871	29873	29874	29875	29876	29877	29879	29880	29881	29882	29883
29884	29885	29886	29887	29888	29889	29891	29892	29893	29894	29895
29897	29898	29899	29900	29901	29902	29904	29905	29906	29907	29914
29915	29916	29999	30110	30115	30130	30140	30901	30903	31000	31002
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31085	31086	31087	31090	31200	31201	31205	31225	31230	31233	31235
31237	31238	31239	31240	31241	31253	31254	31255	31256	31257	31259
31267	31276	31287	31288	31290	31291	31292	31293	31294	31295	31296
31297	31298	31545	31546	31572	31573	31574	32035	32036	32215	32220
32225	32491	32551	32554	32555	32556	32557	32650	32651	32652	32654
32655	32656	32664	32666	32994	32997	32998	33889	33891	34001	34051
34101	34111	34151	34201	34203	34401	34421	34451	34471	34490	34501
34510	34520	34530	34707	34708	34713	34714	34715	34716	34812	34820
34833	34834	35001	35002	35005	35011	35013	35021	35022	35045	35091
35092	35102	35103	35111	35112	35121	35122	35131	35132	35141	35142
35151	35152	35201	35206	35207	35211	35216	35221	35226	35231	35236
35241	35246	35251	35256	35261	35266	35271	35276	35281	35286	35301
35302	35303	35304	35305	35311	35321	35331	35341	35351	35355	35361
35363	35371	35372	35501	35506	35508	35509	35510	35511	35512	35515
35516	35518	35521	35522	35523	35525	35526	35531	35533	35535	35536
35539	35540	35556	35558	35560	35563	35565	35566	35570	35571	35583
35585	35587	35601	35606	35612	35616	35621	35623	35626	35631	35632
35633	35634	35636	35642	35645	35647	35650	35656	35661	35663	35665

## CPT/HCPCS Codes

**Bilateral Eligible Procedures with Payment Indicator 1**

35666	35671	35691	35693	35694	35695	35701	35702	35703	35879	35881
35883	35884	36002	36005	36010	36011	36012	36014	36015	36100	36200
36222	36223	36224	36225	36226	36227	36228	36245	36246	36247	36465
36466	36470	36471	36473	36474	36475	36476	36478	36479	36482	36483
36557	36558	36560	36561	36565	36566	36570	36571	36598	36820	36838
37184	37187	37188	37211	37212	37215	37217	37218	37220	37221	37222
37223	37224	37225	37226	37227	37228	37229	37230	37231	37232	37233
37234	37235	37236	37237	37238	37239	37246	37247	37248	37249	37500
37501	37565	37609	37650	37660	37700	37718	37722	37735	37760	37761
37765	37766	37780	37785	38220	38221	38222	38500	38505	38510	38520
38525	38530	38531	38542	38589	38700	38720	38724	38740	38745	38760
38765	38770	38790	38792	38900	40720	42340	42410	42415	42420	42425
42426	42440	42810	42815	43289	43659	44238	44979	46505	47579	49329
49491	49492	49495	49496	49500	49501	49505	49507	49520	49521	49525
49540	49550	49553	49555	49557	49560	49561	49565	49566	49570	49572
49590	49650	49651	49652	49653	49654	49655	49656	49657	49659	50010
50040	50045	50060	50065	50070	50075	50080	50081	50100	50120	50125
50130	50135	50200	50205	50220	50225	50230	50234	50236	50240	50280
50320	50340	50365	50382	50384	50385	50386	50387	50389	50390	50391
50396	50400	50405	50430	50431	50432	50433	50434	50435	50436	50437
50541	50542	50543	50544	50545	50546	50547	50548	50549	50551	50553
50555	50557	50561	50570	50572	50574	50575	50576	50580	50590	50592
50593	50600	50605	50606	50610	50620	50630	50650	50684	50693	50694
50695	50700	50705	50706	50715	50740	50750	50760	50780	50782	50783
50785	50800	50815	50820	50840	50860	50900	50940	50945	50947	50948
50949	50951	50953	50955	50957	50961	50970	50972	50974	50976	50980
51535	52007	52320	52325	52327	52330	52332	52341	52342	52343	52344
52345	52346	52352	52353	52354	52355	52356	54500	54505	54512	54520
54522	54530	54535	54550	54560	54600	54620	54640	54650	54660	54670
54680	54690	54692	54699	54700	54800	54830	54840	55000	55060	55400
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65265	65270	65272	65273	65275	65280	65285	65286	65290	65400	65410
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67141	67145	67208	67210	67218	67220	67227	67228	67229	67250	67255
67299	67311	67312	67314	67316	67318	67331	67332	67334	67335	67343
67345	67346	67399	67400	67405	67412	67413	67414	67415	67420	67430
67440	67445	67450	67500	67505	67515	67550	67560	67570	67599	67700
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67914	67915	67916	67917	67921	67922	67923	67924	67930	67935	67938
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**Bilateral Eligible Procedures with Payment Indicator 3**

70030	70120	70130	70190	70332	70336	70554	70555	73000	73010	73020
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73130	73140	73200	73201	73202	73218	73219	73220	73221	73222	73223
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<b>Codes with "Bilateral" in the Description</b>							
Codes that would not allow modifier 50 or modifiers LT and RT to be reported for the same date of service							
0201T	1	0339T	1	0469T	1	0486T	1
0548T	1	0563T	1	27158	1	27392	1
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Codes that would not allow modifier 50 or modifiers LT and RT to be reported for the same date of service							
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40702	1	40843	1	42507	1	42509	1
42510	1	54861	1	54901	1	55041	1
58953	1	58954	1	58956	1	64488	1
64489	1	64611	1	64615	1	70330	1
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75807	1	75822	1	75833	1	75842	1
76102	1	77047	1	77049	1	77062	1
77063	1	77066	1	77067	1	78458	1
92538	1	93880	1	93895	1	93922	1
93923	1	93924	1	93925	1	93930	1
93970	1	93985	1	95868	1	99172	1
99173	1	99174	1	99177	1	D1516	2
D1517	2	D1526	2	D1527	2	D1551	1
D1552	1	D1557	1	D1558	1	L1085	1
L8002	100	S3000	1	V5100	1	V5110	1

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<b>Codes with "Unilateral or Bilateral" in the Description</b>							
Codes that would not allow modifier 50 or modifiers LT and RT to be reported for the same date of service							
0219T	1	0220T	1	0221T	1	0222T	21
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22513	1	22514	1	22515	15	22526	1
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30802	1	31231	1	32673	1	36221	1
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55200	1	55250	1	55300	1	58575	1
58600	1	58605	1	58700	1	58720	1
58800	1	58805	1	58900	1	58920	1
58925	1	58940	1	58943	1	61000	1
61001	1	61253	1	63045	1	63046	1
63047	1	63048	5	76514	1	92025	1
92081	1	92082	1	92083	1	92132	1
92133	1	92134	1	92145	1	92201	1
92202	1	92227	1	92228	1	92235	1
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G0412	1	G0413	1	G0414	1	G0415	1
S2342	1	S2360	1				

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## POLICY HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

Date	Action/Description
10/01/2020	<b>Reimbursement Guidelines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Removed examples of codes with “unilateral” and/or “bilateral” in the description</li><li>Removed code descriptions</li></ul> <b>Questions and Answers (Q&amp;A)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated Q&amp;A 1, 2, 7, and 8; removed CPT code examples and descriptions</li></ul> <b>Supporting Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Archived previous policy version SURGERY 020.41C T0</li></ul>