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## Modifier 62, 66: Multiple Surgeons

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### DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, TERMS

Covered Service	Medically necessary services, as determined by the plan and described in the applicable benefit plan, for which a member is eligible for coverage
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
Fee Schedule	The complete listing of rates for services that represents payment for each unit of service allowed based on applicable coded service identifier(s) for covered services

HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
Payment Recovery	Request to return payment or retraction of payment by offsetting future payments

## BACKGROUND

A modifier is two characters (letters or numbers) appended to a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code. The modifier provides additional information about the product or service without changing the meaning of the code billed.

A pricing modifier is a modifier that causes a pricing change for the code billed.

## POLICY

<b>Modifier 62</b>	Two (2) surgeons of different specialties perform a specific surgical procedure
<b>Modifier 66</b>	Three (3) or more surgeons of different specialties work together as primary surgeons performing distinct parts of a surgical procedure.

If two (2) surgeons with different specialties perform a procedure, each surgeon is required to bill distinct operative work with modifier 62 on all procedure codes.

If one surgeon does not bill the modifier 62 appropriately, the second surgeon claim may deny for inappropriate modifier or duplicate service.

If a team (3 or more) of surgeons perform a procedure, each surgeon is required to bill distinct operative work with modifier 66 on all procedure codes.

If any of the surgeons do not bill modifier 66 appropriately, the claims for other surgeons may deny for inappropriate modifier or duplicate service.

Assistant surgeon guidelines do **not** apply to procedures billed with modifier 62 or modifier 66.

### Payment Impact

#### Modifier 62

Line of Business	Percentage (%) of Fee Schedule
Commercial	62.5%
Medicare	62.5%
Mountain Health Trust	62.5%
Self-Funded/ASO	62.5%

### Payment Impact

#### Modifier 66

Line of Business	Percentage (%) of Fee Schedule
Commercial	No Impact

Medicare	No Impact
Mountain Health Trust	No Impact
Self-Funded/ASO	No Impact

As a reminder, The Health Plan (THP) applies claims edits to all services including those with modifiers.