Modifiers

Was a procedure performed on the same day as E/M?

YES

Was the E/M significant and separately identifiable?

YES

NO

Modifier 25 is not appropriate.

Note: If modifier 25 does not apply, should you bill a separate E/M code?

Bill the E/M code with modifier 25.

Exceptions:

- Inpatient Dialysis Service - E/M same day as dialysis is denied UNLESS:
  - Unrelated to treatment of ESRD
  - Was not/could not be furnished during dialysis
- Critical Care Visits - Use modifier 25 ONLY WHEN:
  - Critically ill; requires constant attention
  - Unrelated to specific injury/procedure

Notes:

- Generally, separate payment is not made for E/M services performed on the same day as minor surgery or procedure.
- Always consider whether you are treating at least 2 different diagnoses that require E/M.