

**To:** Keystone First/Keystone First Community HealthChoices (CHC) Providers

**Date:** March 23, 2022

**Subject:** Update to Modifier 25 Policy – Reimbursement of significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management services during the global surgery period of minor procedures

**Effective April 1, 2022, Keystone First/Keystone First CHC is revising the reduced payment policy that was implemented with dates of service October 1, 2020 and beyond for certain Evaluation and Management (E/M) procedure codes billed with Common Procedure Terminology (CPT) modifier 25 when services occur within the minor procedure Global Surgery timeframes as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).**

This revised payment policy is a prospective change beginning with claims submitted on or after April 1, 2022 as follows:

- Certain office or other outpatient visit E/M procedures (CPT codes: 99201, 92004, 92012, 92014 and 99201-99215) appended with Modifier 25, when the service date occurs during the minor (0 or 10 Day) Global Surgery period as defined by CMS, will no longer be reimbursed at a reduced rate as outlined in the notice dated September 1, 2020\*.

\*The complete notice is available on the provider website at:

[www.keystonefirstpa.com](http://www.keystonefirstpa.com) → Providers → Resources → Communications → Fast Facts → 2020 Fast Facts

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