Does the procedure/service qualify for the use of the 59 modifier?

NO

Are you billing for two or more procedures that may be bundled under NCCI?

NO

YES

Is this procedure part of a NCCI code pair that has a modifier indicator of ‘0’?

NO

YES

Is NCCI modifier indicator a ‘1’?

NO

YES

Is another more specific and descriptive modifier available to explain the separate status?

NO

YES

Use another appropriate or already established modifier (e.g., RT, LT, XE, XS).

Append the 59 modifier to component (minor) code; ensure documentation supports separate status.

Modifier 59 is not required.

Do not use the 59 modifier.

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