

-63 Procedure Performed on Infants Less Than 4kg Modifier

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Procedures performed on neonates and infants up to a present body weight of 4kg may involve significantly increased complexity and physician work. When this circumstance occurs, it is appropriate to use a -63 modifier.

Product

The information outlined below applies to all UCare products.

Payment Information

- For eligible services the allowed amount will be increased by 20%.
- UCare will not increase the base allowed amount for services defined by CPT as “Modifier 63 Exempt Codes.” Refer to Appendix “F” of the most current version of CPT® for a list of exempt services.
- The -63 modifier is valid for the CPT code range of 20000 – 69999. The -63 modifier is not valid with evaluation and management, anesthesia, radiology, pathology, laboratory, or medicine codes.
- A -63 Modifier (Procedures Performed on Neonates and Infants Up to a Present Body Weight of 4 Kilograms) and a -22 Modifier (Unusual Circumstances) may not be appended to the same HCPCS/CPT code.

Appropriate Use

- When the weight of neonate is up to 4 kg and as result increases the complexity of performing an eligible surgical procedure and postoperative care it is appropriate to append the -63 modifier.

Inappropriate Use

The -63 modifier should not be appended used with:

- Evaluation and management services, anesthesia, radiology, pathology, laboratory, or medicine codes.

Additional Links

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