



## Internet-Only Manual Updates for Critical Care Evaluation and Management Services

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### Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for global surgery services they provide to Medicare patients.

### Provider Action Needed

In this Article, you'll learn about:

- Critical care updates for a patient in a global surgical period
- The use of modifier FT

Make sure your billing staff knows about these changes.

### Background

This Article tells you of updates to the [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, section 40](#), to conform with updated policies CMS published in the CY 2022 Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B Payment Policies final rule ([CMS-1751-F](#)) for critical care Evaluation and Management (E/M) services.

A summary of the revisions is as follows:

- [Section 40.1](#) - Definition of a Global Surgical Package: We added language to direct you to critical care updates in [section 30.6.12.7](#). This section talks about when separate payment may be made for critical care visits unrelated to a procedure with a global surgical period.
- [Section 40.2](#) - Billing Requirements for Global Surgeries: We added language on use of the

modifier FT when billing for separate payment of critical care services provided during, and unrelated to, global surgical procedures.

- [Section 40.3](#) - Claims Review for Global Surgeries: We added language about the use of modifier FT.
- [Section 40.4](#) - Adjudication of Claims for Global Surgeries: We added language indicating that critical care services provided during the global period must be unrelated to the global surgery procedure in order to be separately paid.

## More Information

We issued [CR 12550](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

We added section 30.6.12 in [CR 12543](#).

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

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