

New modifier 25 policy implementation paused

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are pausing the implementation of a new reimbursement policy that would have reduced payment by 50% for E/M codes billed with a modifier 25 on the same date as a minor procedure by the same provider for the same patient. This was initially announced as being effective for all lines of business for claims with dates of service on or after May 1, 2026.

We originally announced the implementation of the new reimbursement policy in these communications:

- An article in the Feb. 2026 issue of *The Record*, [Policy update: E/M codes appended with modifier 25](#).
- A provider alert posted Feb. 26, [Clarification to policy update on E/M codes appended with modifier 25](#)

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