

CCI – Subcommittee

Bilateral Modifier Variations by Payer

3/18/04

Acute Care – Community Hospital

M.D. Practice Claims
Boston Teaching Facility

Time Frame: 12/02-11/03

Payer	Variation	# of Cases	\$/Variance	Comments	Variation	Comments
Medicare	No Variation	-	-	HIPAA Compliant	No Variation	HIPAA Compliant
BC/BS *	Ignoring modifier –50 Per Code Set Guidelines Report CPT Code Twice	39	\$22,720	Ignores official reporting guidelines for Hospital Claims	No Variation	HIPAA Compliant for M.D. Practice Claims Only
Tufts	List CPT Procedure Code Twice with –50 Attached to second CPT	11	\$7,000	Ignores official reporting guidelines	Recognizes some bilateral modifiers but not for all types CPT Procedures	Partial Compliance – CPTs 95934, 95936 problematic
Harvard Pilgrim	List CPT Procedure Code Twice with –50 attached to second CPT	–	–	Ignores official reporting guidelines	List CPT Procedure Code Twice with –50 attached to second CPT	Ignores official reporting guidelines
Medicaid	List CPT Procedure Code Twice with –50 attached to second CPT	-	-	Ignores official reporting guidelines	List CPT Procedure Code Twice with –50 attached to second CPT	Ignores official reporting guidelines
Commercial	No data variations reported	-	-	-	List CPT Procedure Code Twice with –50 attached to second CPT	Ignores official reporting guidelines

Official Guidelines for Reporting Bilateral Procedures: Per CPT Code Set Guidelines
List CPT Procedure Code on One Line with Bilateral Modifier -50