

Bilateral Billing Guidelines Grid



	If Code Description Indicates:			Payer policy at:
	"bilateral"	"unilateral"	"unilateral or bilateral"	
Aetna	Do not use mod. 50; paid at 100%	Comm'l: Bill CPT on 1 line with mod. 50. at 1 unit. MCR: Bill CPT on 2 lines, w/ mod. 50 on one line. Paid at 150%	Do not use mod. 50; use mods RT or LT.	
BCBSTX	Do not use mod. 50; paid at 100%	Bill CPT on 1 line with 50 mod. at 1 unit with full charge for <i>both</i> procedures (your charge x 2); paid at 150%	Do not use mod. 50; use mods RT or LT.	BCBSTX policy
Cigna	Do not use mod. 50; paid at 100%	Surgical Codes: bill CPT on 1 line with 50 mod. at 1 unit with full charge for <i>both</i> procedures. Non-surgical Codes: bill CPT on 1 line with 50 mod. at 2 units with full charge for both procedures	Do not use mod. 50; use mods RT or LT if done unilaterally.	-
Humana	Do not use mod. 50; paid at 100%	Bill CPT on 1 line with 50 mod. at 1 unit with full charge for <i>both</i> procedures (your charge x 2); paid at 150%	Use mod. 50 if done bilaterally; paid at 100%	Humana policy
UHC	Do not use mod. 50; if procedure done unilaterally and no unilateral code available, use mod. 52 (may use LT or Rt in addition to mod. 52; paid at 50%)	Bill CPT on 1 line with 50 mod. at 1 unit with full charge for <i>both</i> procedures (your charge x 2); paid at 150%	Do not use mod. 50; use mods RT or LT with mod. 52 if unilateral	UHC policy
MCR	Do not use mod. 50; paid at 100%	Bill CPT on 1 line with 50 mod. at 1 unit with full charge for <i>both</i> procedures (your charge x 2); paid at 150%	Do not use mod. 50; paid at 100%. When a procedure with only "bilateral" written in the description is performed unilaterally, use modifier 52.	CMS policy (see Section 40.7)
MCD	Do not use mod. 50; paid at 100%	Surgical codes: Bill CPT on 2 lines using mod. LT and RT. Do not use mod. 50; paid at 150%. (see "Bilateral Procedures in manual)		TMHP policy

**If any of these policies have changed or are incorrect, please notify HCMS at paymentadvocacy@hcms.org.*

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**The information provided herein is subject to change and should be verified by the plan.*