

# Bilateral Billing Guidelines Grid



	If Code Description Indicates:			Payer policy at:
	"bilateral"	"unilateral"	"unilateral or bilateral"	
<b>Aetna</b>	Do not use mod. 50; paid at 100%	Bill CPT on 1 line with mod. 50. at 1 unit. Paid at 150%	Do not use mod. 50; use mods RT or LT.	
<b>BCBSTX</b>	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.	<a href="#">BCBSTX policy</a>
<b>Cigna</b>	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.	<a href="#">Cigna policy</a>
<b>Humana</b>	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%	<a href="#">Humana policy</a>
<b>UHC</b>	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	<a href="#">UHC policy</a>
<b>MCR</b>	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.	<a href="#">CMS policy (see Section 40.7)</a>
<b>MCD</b>	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%.		<a href="#">TMHP policy</a>

*\*If any of these policies have changed or are incorrect, please notify HCMS at [paymentadvocacy@hcms.org](mailto:paymentadvocacy@hcms.org).*

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