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Modifier 22, defined as “unusual procedural services,” may be used with surgical CPT codes when services performed are significantly greater than usually required - services that were more complicated or took significantly more time than usual to complete. The use of the modifier may result in increased payment if documentation supports it.

Submit completed form with the initial claim and operative notes to indicate that unusual circumstances exist for the services rendered. Generalized statements such as “surgery took an extra three hours,” “patient was very ill” or “this was a difficult surgery” do not describe why the surgery was unusual, and should be avoided.

Member name: _____

Member ID number: _____

Date of service: _____

Length of surgery: _____

Unusual circumstances during the surgery that may indicate additional reimbursement:
