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NAME: 4401 BILATERAL MODIFIER NOT APPROPRIATE WITH
PROCEDURE

ERROR TYPE: Batch Edit, Hard Coded

HEADER/DETAIL: Detail

OVERRIDABLE: N

ALLOW DENIAL: Y

DESCRIPTION:

Set this edit if the bilateral modifier is not allowed with a procedure code for the billed dates of service.

CRITERIA:

"Set this edit if the bilateral modifier is not allowed with a procedure code for the billed dates of service.

The IHCP applies the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines when reimbursing bilateral procedures. Reimbursement is based on the CMS National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) Relative Value File Status Indicators. Procedures with a bilateral indicator of 9 will deny when billed with modifier 50.

The bilateral indicator can be viewed from the procedure code panel located in CoreMMIS under Main Menu>BPA>Procedure>[procedure code]>Open Tab>Procedure>RBRVS>Bilateral Surgery. "

DISPOSITION:

Note: EOB 9999 with a Do Not Post status is for internal system use only. This EOB is used to avoid potential system processing abends. This EOB is not posted on the RA and the disposition may be ignored.

Claim Type: 0 - All Claim Types **Member Plan:** ALL **Status:** Do Not Post

Location	Region	EOB	Disposition
21	00	4401	PAY

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Claim Type: 0 - All Claim Types **Member Plan:** ALL **Status:** Post

Location	Region	EOB	Disposition
21	00	4401	DENY

Claim Type: M - Professional Claims **Member Plan:** ALL **Status:** Post

Location	Region	EOB	Disposition
21	00	4401	DENY

EOB: 4401 - MODIFIER 50 'BILATERAL' IS INVALID FOR THE PROCEDURE BILLED.
PLEASE CORRECT AND RESUBMIT.

ARC Code	ARC Description	Effective Date	End Date
4	The procedure code is inconsistent with the modifier used or a required modifier is missing. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.	19950101	22991231

Remark Code	Remark Description	Effective Date	End Date
N519	Invalid combination of HCPCS modifiers.	20090701	22991231

METHOD OF CORRECTION:

Claims setting this edit will be systematically denied with EOB 4401.