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CARD 09-001 | TERM	CARD 09-001 | DEFINITION
Add-on code Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A code for a service performed in addition to a designated primary procedure; it is not reported alone.
CARD 09-002 | TERM	**CARD 09-002 | DEFINITION**
Global period Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The defined period during which specified related surgical care is included in the global surgical payment.
CARD 09-003 | TERM	**CARD 09-003 | DEFINITION**
Semicolon Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	CPT punctuation separating a shared description from the wording that distinguishes related indented codes.

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CARD 09-004 | TERM

Category I

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-004 | DEFINITION

CPT's principal category of codes for medical procedures and services, generally five numeric characters.

CARD 09-005 | TERM

Indented code

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-005 | DEFINITION

A CPT entry that uses the wording before a preceding semicolon plus its own indented wording to form the complete description.

CARD 09-006 | TERM

Stand-alone code

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-006 | DEFINITION

A CPT entry with a complete description that does not depend on a preceding shared stem.

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CARD 09-007 | TERM	CARD 09-007 | DEFINITION
Category I code Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A code in CPT's principal category for medical procedures and services.
CARD 09-008 | TERM	**CARD 09-008 | DEFINITION**
Modifier Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	An additional code element describing a circumstance affecting a service without changing the basic procedure description.
CARD 09-009 | TERM	**CARD 09-009 | DEFINITION**
Surgery package Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The services included with a surgical procedure under applicable CPT and payer global-surgery rules.

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CARD 09-010 | TERM	CARD 09-010 | DEFINITION
Category II Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Optional CPT performance-measurement codes, generally four digits followed by F; they do not replace procedure codes.
CARD 09-011 | TERM	**CARD 09-011 | DEFINITION**
Mutually exclusive Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A relationship between procedures that are generally not appropriately reported together under applicable edits and circumstances.
CARD 09-012 | TERM	**CARD 09-012 | DEFINITION**
Technical component Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The equipment, supplies, and technical personnel portion of a diagnostic service, when professional and technical components apply.

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CARD 09-013 | TERM

Category III

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-013 | DEFINITION

Temporary CPT codes for emerging technologies, services, and procedures, generally four digits followed by T.

CARD 09-014 | TERM

Parent code

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-014 | DEFINITION

A CPT entry supplying the shared description used by related indented codes.

CARD 09-015 | TERM

Unbundling

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-015 | DEFINITION

Improperly reporting components separately when coding rules require one comprehensive service.

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CARD 09-016 | TERM	CARD 09-016 | DEFINITION
CPT Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Current Procedural Terminology: the AMA's classification of medical, surgical, and diagnostic procedures and services.
CARD 09-017 | TERM	**CARD 09-017 | DEFINITION**
Place of service Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The location or setting in which a service is furnished; claim reporting uses designated place-of-service codes.
CARD 09-018 | TERM	**CARD 09-018 | DEFINITION**
Unlisted code Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A code used when no specific procedure code appropriately describes the service, with supporting documentation required.

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CARD 09-019 | TERM	CARD 09-019 | DEFINITION
Descriptor Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The text describing the service represented by a code; the full description and applicable instructions must be read.
CARD 09-020 | TERM	**CARD 09-020 | DEFINITION**
Upcoding Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Reporting a higher or more expensive service than the documentation and coding rules support.
CARD 09-021 | TERM	**CARD 09-021 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -22 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Increased procedural services beyond the usual work; documentation must support the additional work.

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CARD 09-022 | TERM	CARD 09-022 | DEFINITION
Modifier -24 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	An unrelated E/M service by the same physician or qualified health care professional during a postoperative period.
CARD 09-023 | TERM	**CARD 09-023 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -25 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A significant, separately identifiable E/M service on the same day as another procedure or service.
CARD 09-024 | TERM	**CARD 09-024 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -26 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The professional component of a service that permits separate professional and technical reporting.

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CARD 09-025 | TERM	CARD 09-025 | DEFINITION
Modifier -47 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Anesthesia by the surgeon, in the circumstances covered by the modifier.
CARD 09-026 | TERM	**CARD 09-026 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -50 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A bilateral procedure, when the code and payer rules allow bilateral modifier reporting.
CARD 09-027 | TERM	**CARD 09-027 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -51 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Multiple procedures, when applicable; it is not appended to add-on codes.

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CARD 09-028 | TERM	CARD 09-028 | DEFINITION
Modifier -52 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Reduced services under the circumstances described by the modifier.
CARD 09-029 | TERM	**CARD 09-029 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -53 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A discontinued procedure under the circumstances described by the modifier.
CARD 09-030 | TERM	**CARD 09-030 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -57 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	An E/M service resulting in the initial decision for surgery, when applicable.

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CARD 09-031 | TERM

Modifier -58

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-031 | DEFINITION

A staged or related procedure or service during the postoperative period under the modifier's criteria.

CARD 09-032 | TERM

Modifier -59

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-032 | DEFINITION

A distinct procedural service when documentation and applicable rules justify separating the services; use a more specific modifier when appropriate.

CARD 09-033 | TERM

Modifier -62

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-033 | DEFINITION

Two surgeons acting as co-surgeons under the applicable criteria.

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CARD 09-034 | TERM

Modifier -63

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-034 | DEFINITION

A procedure performed on an infant weighing less than 4 kilograms, for eligible services.

CARD 09-035 | TERM

Modifier -76

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-035 | DEFINITION

A repeat procedure or service by the same physician or qualified health care professional.

CARD 09-036 | TERM

Modifier -77

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-036 | DEFINITION

A repeat procedure by another physician or qualified health care professional.

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CARD 09-037 | TERM	CARD 09-037 | DEFINITION
Modifier -78 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	An unplanned return to an operating or procedure room for a related procedure during the postoperative period.
CARD 09-038 | TERM	**CARD 09-038 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -79 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	An unrelated procedure or service by the same physician or qualified health care professional during the postoperative period.
CARD 09-039 | TERM	**CARD 09-039 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -80 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Assistant surgeon services, subject to the procedure and payer requirements.

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CARD 09-040 | TERM

Modifier -90

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-040 | DEFINITION

A reference or outside laboratory service.

CARD 09-041 | TERM

Modifier -91

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-041 | DEFINITION

A repeat clinical diagnostic laboratory test for additional medically necessary results, rather than a repeat caused by testing error.

CARD 09-042 | TERM

Modifier -95

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-042 | DEFINITION

A synchronous telemedicine service under the modifier's applicable rules.

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CARD 09-043 | TERM

Modifier -TC

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-043 | DEFINITION

The technical component of a service permitting separate technical and professional reporting.

CARD 09-044 | TERM

Modifier -LT

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-044 | DEFINITION

A service involving the left side, when applicable.

CARD 09-045 | TERM

Modifier -RT

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 09-045 | DEFINITION

A service involving the right side, when applicable.