

PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY GUIDELINES

The general guidelines and modifiers found in the 2009 CPT®-4 were adopted by reference by the Industrial Commission and are applicable when utilizing Arizona's Physicians' Fee Schedule. The Pathology Guidelines adopted by reference may be found in the *Current Procedural Terminology®, Fourth Edition* ("CPT® book") published by the AMA. The following Commission guidelines are in addition to the CPT® guidelines and represent additional guidance from the Commission relative to unit values for these services. To the extent that a conflict may exist between the adopted portions of the CPT®-4 and a code or guideline unique to Arizona, the Arizona code or guideline shall control.

1. In the text of the Fee Schedule, we utilize * and ** to denote "add-on" codes and those codes that are exempt from the multiple procedure rule.

a. * Denotes Add-On Codes

(List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Note: This code is an add-on procedure and as such is valued appropriately. Multiple procedure guidelines for reduction of value are not applicable.

b. ** Denotes Codes Exempt from Modifier "-51"

Note: Multiple procedure guidelines for reduction of value are not applicable for this code.