



## **Global Surgery Package – Patient Information**

***You just had surgery – what can you expect to be included? Each surgery has a specific Global Surgery Package – 0, 10 or 90 day global period.***

### ***What does the term “global” mean?***

*“Global is the period of time (usually 90 days) following a surgical procedure. During this time, ALL follow-up visits for this condition are included in the initial charge. However, x-rays and some supply costs (for casts or splints) are NOT included in the global fee. You may also incur additional charges if the doctor evaluates other conditions during this time.*

### ***What services within the global period are covered?***

- Follow up office visits related to the surgery
- Initial casting or splinting on the same day
- Complications following surgery (related to the surgery) not resulting a return trip to the operating room

### ***What services within the global period are NOT covered?***

- Services provided by physicians of a different specialty
- Office visits unrelated to the surgery – including new injury to same body part
- Diagnostic tests and additional procedures (x-rays, injections)
- Casting or splinting not done on the same day as surgery
- Office visit same day of procedure if need for procedure determined during visit

Global periods can be: 0 or 10 days – minor surgery or 90 days – major surgery

**Minor Surgery/0 day global period:** Services normally provided by the surgeon on the day of the procedure are included in the global package, but any subsequent follow-up should be billed separately.

- *Examples of minor surgeries: Injections, Cast Applications*

**Minor Surgery/10 day global period:** Services normally provided by the surgeon on the day of the procedure are included in the global package. The global period begins the day of the procedure.

- *Examples of minor surgeries with 10 day global period: Procedures involving primarily the skin such as wound repairs or removal of skin lesions, manipulations.*

**Major Surgery/90 day global period:** Services normally provided by the surgeon on the day of the procedure are included in the global package. The global period begins the day of the procedure.

- *Examples of major surgeries with 90 day global: Total Hip Replacement, Total Knee Replacement, Total Shoulder Replacement, Fracture Treatment, Meniscectomy, Anterior Cruciate Ligament Repair (ACL), Repair of Ruptured Achilles Tendon (not an inclusive list)*

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