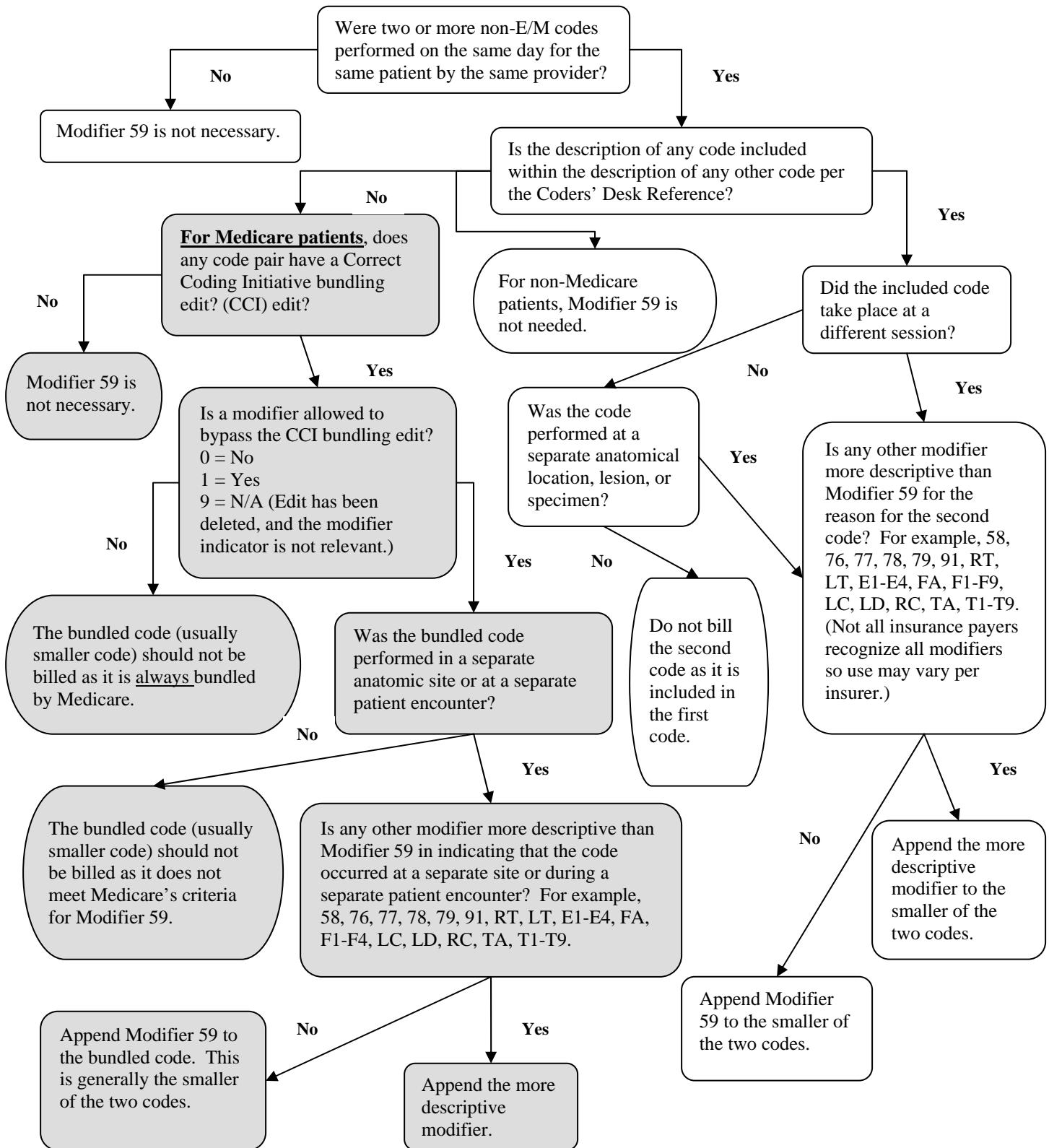


## Help With Using Modifier 59 For Multiple Codes



### Per CCI 11.3

One of the misuses of modifier -59 is related to the portion of the definition of modifier -59 allowing its use to describe “different procedure or surgery”. The code descriptors of the two codes of a code pair edit usually represent different procedures or surgeries. The edit indicates that the two procedure/surgeries cannot be reported together if performed at the same anatomic site and same patient encounter. The provider cannot use modifier -59 for such an edit based on the two codes being different procedures/surgeries. However, if the two procedures/surgeries are performed at separate anatomic sites or at separate patient encounters on the same date of service, modifier -59 may be appended to indicate that they are different procedures/surgeries on that date of service.