
**New Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Modifiers:
XE, XP, XS and XU**

Four new HCPCS modifiers have been established to provide greater reporting specificity than modifier -59 on claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2015. They are:

- XE - Separate encounter: a service that is distinct because it occurred during a separate encounter
- XP - Separate practitioner: a service that is distinct because it was performed by a different practitioner
- XS - Separate structure: a service that is distinct because it was performed on a separate organ / structure
- XU - Unusual non-overlapping service: the use of a service that is distinct because it does not overlap usual components of the main service

Modifier -59 will remain a valid modifier. Use of the new XE, XP, XS and XU modifiers is currently optional. However, providers may choose to use them to specify more clearly the clinical situations in which modifier -59 is now reported.

These modifiers may be used for clinical situations in which two HCPCS/CPT codes are reported by the same provider on the same date of service and that are currently indicated by appending modifier -59 "Distinct Procedural Service" to a HCPCS/CPT code.

These modifiers should not be used unless the proper criteria for use of the modifier are met. Documentation in the medical record must support the use of any modifier that is used.

Provider use of these modifiers will be monitored for abuse and when appropriate, referred to Program Integrity for detailed review and potential recovery of overpayments.

For questions related to this information as it pertains to Legacy Medicaid claims processing, please contact Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Services at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.