REMEMBER - NCCI PTP Modifiers

Effective with dates of service on and after January 1, 2015, four new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) modifiers were added to the list of National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) procedure-to-procedure (PTP) associated modifiers for Medicaid claims: XE, XP, XS, and XU.

XE  Modifier XE can be used if the service occurred during a separate encounter. Modifier 59 should no longer be used in these instances. Modifier XE cannot be used with E&M codes.

XP  Modifier XP can be used if the service was performed by a different practitioner. Modifier 59 should no longer be used in these instances. Modifier XP cannot be used with E&M codes.

XS  Modifier XS can be used if the service was performed on a separate organ or structure. Modifier 59 should no longer be used in these instances. Modifier XS cannot be used with E&M codes.

XU  Modifier XU can be used if the service is considered distinct and does not overlap the usual components of the main service. Modifier 59 should no longer be used in these instances. Modifier XU cannot be used with E&M codes.

If an NCCI code pair has a Correct Coding Modifier Indicator (CCMI) of “1” and one of these four modifiers is appropriately appended to either code of the PTP edit pair, then NCCI editing will be bypassed.

These modifiers describe clinical situations that currently are indicated by appending modifier 59, which will remain a valid PTP associated modifier. However, it should only be used if another more descriptive modifier is not available. Providers should use one of the new modifiers instead of modifier 59 if the clinical situation described by one of the new modifiers is present. These new modifiers are not valid when appended to Evaluation & Management (E&M) procedure codes.

Reference KMAP General Bulletin 14173, for additional information on the Bulletins page of the KMAP website.

For the changes resulting from this provider bulletin, view the updated Coding Modifiers Table.