



# MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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All Providers

**Effective January 1, 2015**

**REISSUED NOTICE**

## **HCPCS Modifiers – XE, XP, XS, and XU**

Four new HCPCS modifiers were established for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2015. Use of the new modifiers is currently optional; however, you may choose to use them to specify more clearly the clinical situations in which Modifier 59 is reported.

**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

These modifiers may be used for clinical situations in which 2 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. The use of one of these modifiers replaces the use of Modifier 59 on a line item.

As a reminder, these optional modifiers replaced Modifier 59, which reduces the procedure payment by 50%. For additional information, please see the [Physician Related Services Manual](#) under the Modifiers that Affect Pricing Section.

## **Contact Information**

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