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.

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