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Medical coders use modifiers to tell the story of a particular encounter A medical coding modifier is two characters (letters or numbers) appended to a CPT ® or HCPCS Level II code. For procedures performed in more than one location Example: If a pure tone audiometry, air, CPT® is performed only on the left ear, modifiershould be appended (). When applicable, the appropriate two-character modifier code should be used to identify the modifying circumstance. Modifier Clinical The following examples from the CPT book explain appropriate scenarios for appending CPT modifiers to a claim: For procedures provided more than once (to the same patient). The modifier should be placed after the usual procedure code CPT ® Modifiers. The modifier provides additional information about the medical procedure, service, or supply involved without changing the meaning of the code. This procedure is a bilateral procedure and was reduced because it was only performed on one ear Physician Identifier AI: Physician of record This modifier became necessary for Medicare when consultation Unusual Circumstances Modifiers Multiple procedures (many insurances, such as Medicare, electronically add this to certain CPT codes and they ask that you do not append this modifier) Staged procedure (example: applying a skin substitute weekly for coverage you must do:) Distinct procedural service when no other nature (for example, generally not useful in the absence of an illness or injury) Your request for a code has not been approved because your product is used exclusively in the inpatient hospital setting Your request for a code has not been approved because it is inappropriate for inclusion in the HCPCS Article. The procedure code should be reported on two lines with Modifiershould only be appended to E/M services codes. Instructions reinforcing this can be found throughout the CPT code set, including but not limited to, subsections such • CPT codes for use with modifierunless limited by the payer ar e -, -, -, and -, when appropriate. For billing bilateral (two-sided) procedure (s). Modifier DescriptionIncreased Procedural ServicesUnusual Anesthesianature (for example, generally not useful in the absence of an illness or with modifier For example, Jim had an Endoscopic Maxillary antrostomy with removal of sinus contents, right and left. For reduced or increased procedures.



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