

Modifiers Not Reimbursable to Healthcare Professionals Policy, Professional

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

This policy is applicable to UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Plans offered by UnitedHealthcare and its affiliates.

You are responsible for submission of accurate claims. This reimbursement policy is intended to ensure that you are reimbursed based on the code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided. UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage reimbursement policies use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®*), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), or other coding guidelines. References to CPT or other sources are for definitional purposes only and do not imply any right to reimbursement.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on CMS 1500 forms. Coding methodology, industry-standard reimbursement logic, regulatory requirements, benefits design and other factors are considered in developing reimbursement policy.

This information is intended to serve only as a general resource regarding UnitedHealthcare's Medicare Advantage reimbursement policy for the services described and is not intended to address every aspect of a reimbursement situation. Accordingly, UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying this policy to health care services provided in a particular case. Further, the policy does not address all issues related to reimbursement for health care services provided to UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage enrollees. Other factors affecting reimbursement may supplement, modify or, in some cases, supersede this policy. These factors may include, but are not limited to: legislative mandates, the physician or other provider contracts, and/or the enrollee's benefit coverage documents**. Finally, this policy may not be implemented exactly the same way on the different electronic claims processing systems used by UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage due to programming or other constraints; however, UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage strives to minimize these variations.

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Application

This reimbursement policy applies to all Medicare Advantage products and for services reported using the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS 1500) or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all network physicians and other qualified health care professionals,

Policy

Overview

In accordance with the CPT book and CMS, the following modifiers have been approved and designated for use by ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) or in the outpatient hospital setting.

Reimbursement Guidelines

In accordance with the CPT book and CMS, the following modifiers have been approved and designated for use by ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) or in the outpatient hospital setting. UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Plan will deny codes appended with these modifiers when reported by a physician or other health care professionals.

Modifiers			
27	73	74	PO

Definitions

Same Individual Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional

The same individual rendering health care services reporting the same National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.

Questions and Answers

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Q: Should the PO modifier be applied to services provided through Medicare Advantage?

A: No, the PO modifier does not apply to services provided through Medicare Advantage.

Modifier Codes

PO	27	73	74
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Resources

www.cms.gov

Medicare Claims Processing Manual - Chapter 04 - Part B Hospital (Including Inpatient Hospital Part B and OPPS): Section 20.6

Medicare Claims Processing Manual - Chapter 14 – Ambulatory Surgical Centers: Section 40

History

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