



Modification of the MCS Claims Processing System Logic for Modifier 59, XE, XS, XP, and XU Involving the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Procedure to Procedure (PTP) Column One and Column Two Codes

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

CR1168 tells you about changes to National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Procedure to Procedure (PTP) edits which consist of column one and column two codes. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes

Background

Modifiers 59, XE, XS, XP, and XU are among the NCCI-associated modifiers. The Multi-Carrier System (MCS) currently requires you to append modifiers 59, XE, XS, XP, or XU to the column two code of a PTP edit to bypass the edit. With the implementation of CR 1168, Medicare will allow modifiers 59, XE, XS, XP, or XU on column one and column two codes to bypass the edit.

More Information

We issued [CR 1168](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

See the [Proper Use of Modifiers 59, XE, XP, XS, and XU](#) fact sheet.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

Document History

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