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Clarification on Billing Modifiers TC and 26 with Global Procedure Codes

Related to [Web Announcement 3987](#), Nevada Medicaid would like to provide clarification on how to bill Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes with modifiers to identify when a technical component (Modifier TC) or a professional component (Modifier 26) is performed. These modifiers are used to clarify when the billing provider has performed only one component of a service that is billed using a CPT code that includes both components (known as a global procedure code). Radiology, pathology, and other testing codes can be billed with global procedure codes and can also be billed for the component performed.

A hospital facility can bill a global code when the facility owns the equipment used to perform the service and employs the professional who interprets the results.

A practitioner can bill a global code when they deliver both the Technical and the Professional components, whether that occurs in their own office or within a facility that has contracted their services.

Modifier TC encompasses the technical equipment or supplies owned by an outpatient hospital/facility that is used in relation to the procedure or service. For example, radiology scans and X-rays.

Modifier 26 encompasses the physician's analysis and diagnosis of the results from the technical component.

Providers would bill the global procedure code with no modifiers only if both components were completed by the same provider. Modifiers TC and 26 cannot both be billed by the same provider with global procedure codes for the same recipient and same date of service.

This billing guidance applies to the following provider types:

Provider Type	Provider Type Description
10	Outpatient Surgery, Hospital Based
12	Hospital, Outpatient
20	Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.
24	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
27	Radiology and Non-invasive Diagnostic Centers
46	Ambulatory Surgical Centers
74	Nurse Midwife
77	Physician's Assistant
96	Rural Emergency Hospital (REH), Outpatient