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Announcement 955

New Modifiers XE, XP, XS and XU Implemented Effective January 1, 2015

New modifiers have been implemented to provide greater reporting specificity in situations where modifier 59 was previously reported. The modifiers listed below are to be used effective with claims processed on or after January 1, 2015, instead of modifier 59 whenever possible. Modifier 59 should be utilized only if no other more specific modifier is appropriate.

- XE – Separate Encounter: A service that is distinct because it occurred during a separate encounter. This modifier should only be used to describe separate encounters on the same date of service.
- 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.

Claims with modifier 59 processed on or after January 1, 2015, and before May 4, 2015, that denied with edit code 4702 (Invalid modifier) will be reprocessed. The results of the reprocessed claims will be reflected on remittance advices dated August 14, 2015.