



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

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR11168 informs MACs 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 that modifiers 59, XE, XS, XP, or XU be appended to the column two code of a PTP edit to bypass the edit. With the implementation of CR 11168, Medicare will allow modifiers 59, XE, XS, XP, or XU on column one and column two codes to bypass the edit.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR11168, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R2259OTN.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

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