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## Chapter 24 Update to the National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) Narrative Portion of Prior Authorization Segment

### Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers billing Medicare durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) for locally prepared medication that contains compound ingredients.

### Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) require providers to adhere to electronic data interchange (EDI) requirements for Medicare. Certain informational modifiers are required to identify compound ingredients in locally prepared medication. The NCPDP format does not currently support reporting modifiers in the compound segment. Therefore, the narrative portion in the prior authorization segment is being used to report these modifiers.

### Key Points

This article and Change Request (CR) 5092 provides an update to Chapter 24 Section 40.3 (NCPDP Narrative Portion of Prior Authorization Segment). This article and CR 5092 also identify the additional modifiers needed for coordination of benefits (COB). Therefore, the narrative portion in the prior authorization segment is being used to report these modifiers.

The following must be entered in positions 001-003 of the narrative (Example, MMN or MNF). Starting at position 355, indicate the two-byte ingredient number followed by the two-position modifier:

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CMN	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required CMN or DIF information
CNA	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required CMN or DIF and narrative information
CFA	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required CMN or DIF information and Facility Name and Address
CSA	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required CMN or DIF information and Supplier Name and Address
CNF	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required CMN or DIF information, narrative information, and Facility Name and Address
CNS	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required CMN or DIF information, narrative information, and Supplier Name and Address
FAC	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required Facility Name and address
FAN	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required Facility Name and Address and narrative information
SAC	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required Supplier Name and address
SAN	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required Supplier Name and Address and narrative information
NAR	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare required Narrative Information
MMN	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier Information and CMN or DIF information
MNA	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information, CMN or DIF information and narrative information
MFA	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information, CMN or DIF information and Facility Name and Address

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MNF	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information, CMN or DIF information, narrative information and Facility Name and Address
MAC	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information and Facility Name and Address
MAN	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information, narrative information and Facility Name and Address
MFA	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information, narrative information and Facility Name and Address
MNS	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information, CMN or DIF information, narrative information and Supplier Name and Address
MSC	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information, and Supplier Name and Address
MSN	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information, narrative information and Supplier Name and Address
MAR	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information and narrative information
MOD	Indicates that the Supporting documentation that follows is Medicare modifier information

## Additional Information

The official instructions, CR5092, issued to your Medicare DMERC regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R958CP.pdf> on the CMS website. The revised section 40.3 National Council for Prescription Drug Program Claim Requirements of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual is attached to CR5092.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare DMERC at their toll-free number which may be found at: <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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