

Pricing or Payment Modifier Fact Sheet

Modifier Submission

Medicare Carrier System (MCS) used for claims processing requires placement of certain modifiers in the first modifier position to process claims correctly. Place the modifiers listed below to the right of the procedure code in Item 24D on the CMS-1500 claim form or for ANSI X12 4010 electronic claims submission use segment 2-370-SV101-3. Processing delays can occur for claims submitted without the pricing modifier in the first modifier position.

- AA Anesthesia service personally performed by anesthesiologist
- AD Medical supervision by a physician; more than four concurrent anesthesia procedures
- QK Medical direction of two, three or four concurrent anesthesia procedures involving qualified individuals
- QW CLIA waived test
- QX CRNA service: with medical direction by a physician
- QY Medical direction of one Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist by an anesthesiologist
- QZ CRNA service: without medical direction by a physician
- TC Technical component
- 26 Professional component
- 53 Discontinued procedure (only when appended to procedure codes 45378, G0105 and G0121)