



Radiology Service and Proper Modifiers

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Dear Valued Provider:

When a radiology service is performed, who owns the equipment and who is performing the interpretation all factor into when and which codes should be submitted with a modifier. Proper usage of modifiers can help decrease unnecessary denials, increase your clean claim submissions and maximize your reimbursement.

Modifiers Specific to Radiology

Modifier 26 -Professional Component: this is appended to the CPT when the physician component is separately reported.

Modifier TC- Technical Component: this is appended to the CPT when the technical component is separately reported.

No Modifier: when reporting global billing.

EXAMPLE: 71010 (Radiologic examination, chest; single view, frontal)

Global: 71010 (Done in ER)

Reading: 71010-26 (Reading done by ER physician)

Technical: 71010-TC

Modifier 50 – Bilateral Procedures: this is valid with certain procedures when the CPT code descriptor does not indicate bilateral or indicates only one side of the body only, and both sides are being done.

EXAMPLE: 73110 – Radiologic examination wrist, complete, minimum 3 views

73110- LT (X-ray of left wrist only)

73110– RT (X-ray of right wrist only)

73110– 50 (X-ray of both wrists if done on the same encounter)

Repeat Radiological Procedures (Modifiers 76 and 77) – these modifiers are used when an X-ray procedure is being repeated on the same day. These modifiers will help identify that services are *not duplicate* billing problems but medically necessary repeat procedures. Therefore, ***a medical documentation must be submitted indicating the time the service was rendered on your initial submission.***

Modifier 76– appended to the CPT when repeated by the same physician on the same day.

Modifier 77– appended to the CPT when repeated by another physician on the same day.

Please note: Medicare considers all physicians in the same group practice with the same specialty to be the same physician

EXAMPLE: 71010-26 (Dr Johns)

71010-26-76 (Dr Johns) *** **submit medical documentation**

71010-26-77 (Dr Adams) *** **submit medical documentation**

We hope you find this information beneficial. If any questions, please contact your Network Service Representative.

Sincerely,

Provider Network Operations