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Required Surgical Modifiers

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to the Medi-Cal line of business.

What you need to know:

Per Medi-Cal policy, all surgical procedure codes must include an appropriate modifier. Failure to submit a modifier with a surgical procedure code will result in the claim being returned to the provider for correction.

This applies to HCPCS codes Z1200–Z1212 and CPT surgical procedure codes 10000–69999. Commonly required modifiers include AG, 50, 51, 80, 99, UA and UB, depending on the service billed.

When this is happening:

The edit will be implemented on September 1, 2026.

Provider Action

Review billing practices and ensure all applicable surgical procedure codes are submitted with the appropriate modifier(s) to avoid claim returns.

Primary surgeons must bill modifier AG on the only or highest-valued surgical procedure code for the date of service, unless split-bill modifiers are required. Providers billing surgical supplies and drugs must also include modifiers UA or UB, as applicable.

For more information, please see the links below:

- **Surgery: Billing with Modifiers:**
mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/assets/856CAB87-609C-4FA3-BE01-89AE52F26E17/surgbilmod.pdf?access_token=6UyVkRRfByXTZEWIh8j8QaYyIPyP5ULO
- **Anesthesia:**
mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/assets/A742D5B5-5CA4-4D4E-B4A4-8363A98628EF/anest.pdf?access_token=6UyVkRRfByXTZEWIh8j8QaYyIPyP5ULO



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