

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

Provider information



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Procedure Modifier NR is required for DME on rental to purchase changes

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) purchases that were originally billed as rentals, require providers to use the NR procedure modifier on the subsequent submitted claim to indicate the DME is now purchased.

This modifier differentiates the change between DME that was previously rented, and now purchased. Providers should bill the purchase price of the equipment and submit the claim with the NR procedure modifier.

Provider remits will reflect the allowed amount of the purchase price, minus the rental allowed amount that was previously processed in the patient's claims history.

Reference your online Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Provider Policy and Procedure Manual (Chapter 11, DME section) for the use of DME procedure modifiers. Definitions for procedure modifiers NR and NU are as follows:

- NR - New when rented. Use the NR modifier when the DME which was new at the time of rental is subsequently purchased.
- NU - New equipment. The NU modifier should be used for purchases only with no prior rental history.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.