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XE, XP, XS, XU Modifier Update

The March 2015 Provider Press article "XE, XP, XS, XU Modifiers" indicated that because the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota coding software edits had not yet been updated, submission of those modifiers may deny as an invalid modifier. Providers were further asked to initiate an appeal if an invalid modifier denial was received for the modifier XE, XP, XS, or XU.

Effective September 18, 2015, a system fix was implemented to map these new "X" modifiers to modifier -59 in our claims processing system. Claims submitted prior to September 18, 2015, are currently being reviewed and adjusted to pay appropriately, if needed.

Also as noted in the September 2015 Provider Press article "Replacement Claim Reminder", when submitting a replacement claim that includes adding modifier -59, medical notes supporting the modifier also need to be sent with the replacement claim. This requirement also applies to modifiers XE, XP, XS, and XU.

Questions?

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

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