

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Blue Cross Requires use of Anatomical Modifiers

Effective February 1, 2019, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will change the Reimbursement Policy titled “General Coding-Modifier Policy”. Submission of anatomical modifiers to specify locations will be required when submitting claims.

Anatomical Modifiers

The following modifiers indicate a specific anatomic site. Because these modifiers affect edits and payment, effective February 1, 2019 Blue Cross requires the anatomical modifier(s) be submitted in the first modifier position, if applicable.

E1 Upper left, eyelid
E2 Lower left, eyelid
E3 Upper right, eyelid
E4 Lower right, eyelid
FA Left hand, thumb
F1 Left hand, second digit
F2 Left hand, third digit
F3 Left hand, fourth digit
F4 Left hand, fifth digit
F5 Right hand, thumb
F6 Right hand, second digit
F7 Right hand, third digit
F8 Right hand, fourth digit
F9 Right hand, fifth digit
LC Left circumflex coronary artery
LD Left anterior descending coronary artery
LT Left side (used to identify procedures performed on the left side of the body)
RC Right coronary artery
RT Right side (used to identify procedures performed on the right side of the body)
TA Left foot, great toe
T1 Left foot, second digit
T2 Left foot, third digit
T3 Left foot, fourth digit
T4 Left foot, fifth digit
T5 Right foot, great toe
T6 Right foot, second digit
T7 Right foot, third digit
T8 Right foot, fourth digit
T9 Right foot, fifth digit

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Products Impacted

This policy applies to all lines of business.

Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursements are subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (e.g. **HCPCS**, **CPT**, **ICD**), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

Questions?

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

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