



# Medicaid Alert

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**TO:** All Providers, Managed Care Organizations – **For Action**

**SUBJECT:** **Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Modifier and Procedure Code Changes**

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately or as otherwise indicated below

**BACKGROUND:** Healthcare providers use Health Care Procedure Coding System/ Current Procedural Terminology (HCPCS/CPT) codes to report medical services provided to patients. The Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) consists of Level I CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) codes and Level II codes. CPT codes are defined in the American Medical Association’s (AMA’s) "CPT Manual," which is updated and published annually. HCPCS Level II procedure codes are defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and are updated throughout the year as necessary.

The AMA "CPT Manual" and CMS also define modifiers that may be appended to HCPCS/CPT codes to provide additional information about healthcare services provided to patients. Changes to HCPCS Level II procedure codes and procedure code modifiers were announced for calendar year 2021.

**ACTIONS:**

1. **Effective immediately**, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) will no longer accept the following HCPCS procedure code modifiers when reported on healthcare claims:

Modifier	Description
RP	Replacement and repair (DMEPOS)
20	Microsurgery
75	Concurrent service by multiple physicians
L1	Laboratory service is unrelated to the other ancillary services provided on the same day

Modifier	Description
21	Prolonged evaluation and management services
QV	Item or service provided
ZA	Novartis/Sandoz
ZB	Pfizer/Hospira
ZC	Merck/Samsung Bioepis

2. **Effective for claims with service dates after July 31, 2021,** the following HCPCS procedure code changes shall apply:

HCPCS Code	Description	Billing Procedure Change
Y9787	Repair of frames	Terminated
V2020 RP 22	Repair of frames	Terminated
V2020 RB	Repair of frames	Replaces HCPCS codes Y9787 and V2020 RP 22

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