



State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: Home Health Agencies

(NOTE: Applicable only to home health agencies providing services to recipients enrolled in CCPED and HCEP)

SUBJECT: Use of Modifier XE on the 1500 N.J. claim form for Home Health Services

BACKGROUND: The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, in response to concerns expressed by licensed Medicare certified home health agencies about home health services provided to persons enrolled in the Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled (CCPED) and the Home Care Expansion Program (HCEP), has recently instituted Modifier XE for use by these providers in certain situations. The Modifier XE allows providers to bill Medicaid directly without having to bill Medicare first.

ACTION: Providers are instructed to affix Modifier XE to the HCPCS procedure code when the home health service provided to the Medicare/Medicaid recipient in CCPED/HCEP is considered by Medicare to be non-reimbursable (benefits exhausted or not covered). Example: Z1275XE. It is the responsibility of the provider to use XE only when appropriate. Inappropriate use of XE will cause the Division to reconsider its applicability within the New Jersey Medicaid Management Information System (NJMMIS). The HCPCS procedure codes to which the Modifier XE may be affixed are: Z1245 through Z1280 and Z1339.

Claims for services billed to Medicaid and identified by a HCPCS procedure code and modifier XE will be processed without the required Explanation of Medicare Benefits Notice. It is to be stressed that inappropriate use of the Modifier XE will give the Division reason to review the use and availability of this modifier.

Please direct questions regarding this Medicaid Alert to Administrator, Office of Home Care Programs, at (609) 588-2620.

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