



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

# MEDICAID ALERT

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**TO:** Medical Suppliers

**SUBJECT:** Proper Reporting of Procedure Code Modifiers

**EFFECTIVE:** Claims Received by Unisys on or after September 1, 1995

**BACKGROUND:** The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) currently accepts certain procedure code modifiers on Medicaid claims to indicate the type of medical supply service provided. These modifiers are listed and defined below:

DD = Powdered Enteral Formulae  
LL = Durable Medical Equipment (DME) rental service  
NU = Purchase of new DME  
RP = Replacement and Repair  
RR = DME rental service  
UE = Purchase of used DME

Current Medicaid billing procedures regarding use of the "XE" modifier are not affected by this Medicaid Alert. Information regarding proper use of the "XE" modifier may be found in the Medicaid Alert dated June 1992.

**ACTION:** For medical supply claims received by Unisys on or after September 1, 1995, the Medicaid program shall require procedure codes to be reported with the modifiers NU, RR or UE only.

The NU modifier must be reported on medical supply claims to indicate non-rental medical supply services covered by Medicaid, including the purchase of new DME, the purchase of disposable medical supplies, and related services, such as labor. When the NU modifier is used, a single-service date must be reported in Field 24A on the 1500 NJ or HCFA 1500 claim form.

The RR modifier must be reported on medical supply claims to indicate that a Medicaid-covered rental service has been provided. In addition, when the modifier RR is used, the information reported in Field 24A on the 1500 NJ or HCFA 1500 claim form must reflect different service dates for the "From Date" and the "Through Date" related to the rental period.

The procedure code modifiers DD, LL, and RP are no longer acceptable modifiers to the New Jersey Medicaid program.

