

Modifiers for Professional Services during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Modifier	Modifier Descriptor	Comments
95	Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered Via a Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provider is at a different site (distant site) from the patient – not in the same physical location Patient must communicate and actively participate in the visit
CR	Catastrophe/disaster-related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicates that services were rendered to a victim of a declared catastrophe or disaster. This is required on professional claims under “formal” waivers with claims to Medicare Modifier CR is not required for telehealth services under the current public health emergency with the COVID-19 crisis
CS	Cost-sharing for specified COVID-19 testing-related services that result in an order for or administration of a COVID-19 test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to E/M services where COVID-19 lab testing is ordered or performed (U0001, U0002, or 87635 lab testing only at this time) Cost-sharing does not apply to the above medical visit services for which payment is made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hospital Outpatient Departments ➤ Physicians, NPs, and PAs ➤ Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) ➤ Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) ➤ Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
GN	Services delivered under an outpatient speech language pathology plan of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicates services were delivered under an outpatient speech language pathology plan of care
GO	Services delivered under an outpatient occupational therapy plan of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicates services were delivered under an occupational therapy plan of care
GP	Services delivered under an outpatient physical therapy plan of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicates services were delivered under an outpatient physical therapy plan of care If additional modifiers are required, HCPCS modifier GP must be submitted in the first or second modifier position
GQ	Via asynchronous telecommunications system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicates services delivered via an asynchronous means such as “store and forward technology.” Used only in Alaska and Hawaii, asynchronous “store and forward technology,” in single or multimedia formats Asynchronous communication does not include telephone calls, images transmitted via fax machines and text messages without visualization of the patient

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GT	Via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare no longer requires for professional claims. • Use only on institutional claims only (Medicare only) • Use only when directed by your payor in lieu of modifier 95 for professional claims
G0 (zero)	Telehealth services for diagnosis, evaluation or treatment, of symptoms of an acute stroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted to identify acute stroke telehealth services performed on and after January 1, 2019 • Distant site practitioner will append this modifier to the HCPCS code when billing for an acute stroke telehealth service
QW	Laboratory test which has been waived from Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add this modifier to U0002 and 87635 for claims submitted to Medicare for dates of service on or after March 20, 2020 • Only used when test is performed in the office, when billing for the actual test

