

# 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"> <li>Provider is at a different site (distant site) from the patient – not in the same physical location</li> <li>Patient must communicate and actively participate in the visit</li> </ul>
93	Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used for real-time, audio-only medically necessary E/M visits.</li> <li>Communication during the telemedicine service must meet the key components and/or requirements of the same service when rendered via a face-to-face interaction.</li> <li>Medicare has not given guidance on use of this modifier (as of January 19, 2022).</li> <li>Check with commercial payors for guidance on usage of this modifier</li> </ul>
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"> <li>Applies to E/M services where COVID-19 lab testing is ordered or performed (U0001, U0002, or 87635 lab testing only at this time)</li> <li>Cost-sharing does not apply to the above medical visit services for which payment is made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospital Outpatient Departments</li> <li>Physicians, NPs, and PAs</li> <li>Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)</li> <li>Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)</li> <li>Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
FQ	Telehealth service was furnished using real-time audio-only communication technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For use with telehealth mental health visits.</li> <li>Medicare will give instructions on the use of these modifiers at a future date</li> </ul>
FR	A supervising practitioner was present through a real-time two-way, audio/video communication technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For use with telehealth mental health visits.</li> <li>Medicare will give instructions on the use of these modifiers at a future date</li> </ul>
GN	Services delivered under an outpatient speech language pathology plan of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicates services were delivered under an outpatient speech language pathology plan of care</li> </ul>
GO	Services delivered under an outpatient occupational therapy plan of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicates services were delivered under an occupational therapy plan of care</li> </ul>
GP	Services delivered under an outpatient physical therapy plan of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicates services were delivered under an outpatient physical therapy plan of care</li> <li>If additional modifiers are required, HCPCS modifier GP must be submitted in the first or second modifier position</li> </ul>
GQ	Via asynchronous telecommunications system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicates services delivered via an asynchronous means such as "store and forward technology."</li> <li>Used only in Alaska and Hawaii, asynchronous "store and forward technology," in single or multimedia formats</li> <li>Asynchronous communication does not include telephone calls, images transmitted via fax machines and text messages without visualization of the patient</li> </ul>
GT	Via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicare no longer requires for professional claims</li> <li>Use only on institutional claims only (Medicare only)</li> <li>Use when directed by your payor in lieu of modifier 95 for professional claims</li> </ul>
G0 (zero)	Telehealth services for diagnosis, evaluation or treatment, of symptoms of an acute stroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted to identify acute stroke telehealth services performed on and after January 1, 2019</li> <li>Distant site practitioner will append this modifier to the HCPCS code when billing for an acute stroke telehealth service</li> </ul>
QW	Laboratory test which has been waived from Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add this modifier to U0002 and 87635 for claims submitted to Medicare for dates of service on or after March 20, 2020</li> <li>Only used when test is performed in the office, when billing for the actual test</li> </ul>