

Modifiers for Professional Services during the COVID-19 PHE through Dec 31, 2024

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
93	Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used for real-time, audio-only medically necessary E/M visits. 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. Medicare – use as of January 1, 2023 for audio-only encounters <p>Check with commercial payors for guidance on usage of this modifier</p>
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)
FQ	Telehealth service was furnished using real-time audio-only communication technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For use with telehealth mental health visits. Medicare will give instructions on the use of these modifiers at a future date
FR	A supervising practitioner was present through a real-time two-way, audio/video communication technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For use with telehealth mental health visits. Medicare will give instructions on the use of these modifiers at a future date
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
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 when directed by your payor in lieu of modifier 95 for professional claims

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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

