

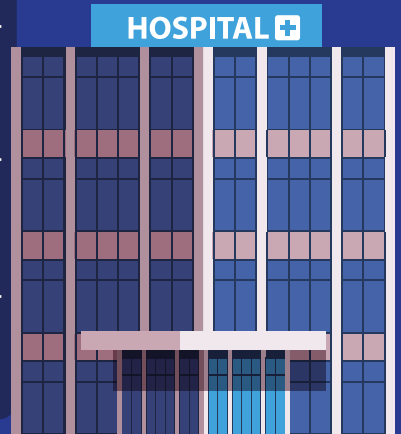
# Modifier Cheat Sheet

## Quick Reference for Coders

Reduce denials, improve claim accuracy, and stay compliant with this easy guide.

### 1 E/M & Telehealth Modifiers

Modifier	Meaning	When to Use
25	Separate E/M Service	When an E/M visit is separate from a procedure on the same day
24	Unrelated E/M during post-op period	When an unrelated condition is treated during post-op care
95	Telehealth	When providing a telehealth service covered by Medicare



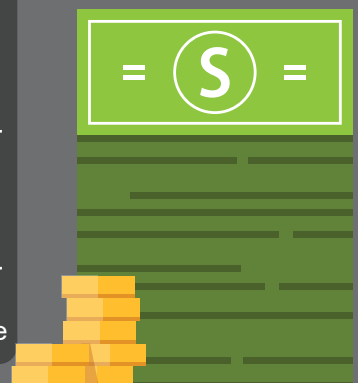
### Surgery & Post-Op Modifiers 2



Modifier	Meaning	When to Use
50	Bilateral Procedure	When a procedure is performed on both sides of the body
51	Multiple Procedures	When multiple procedures are performed in the same session
58	Staged Procedure	When a procedure is planned in multiple stages

### 3 Payment & Unbundling Modifiers

Modifier	Meaning	When to Use
59	Distinct Procedural Service	When services are separate and should not be bundled
26	Professional Component	When billing for only the physician's portion of a service
TC	Technical Component	When billing for only the technical portion of a service



## 4 Special Circumstances & Global Period Modifiers



Modifier	Meaning	When to Use
76	Repeat Procedure by Same Physician	When the same doctor repeats the procedure on the same day
77	Repeat Procedure by Another Physician	When a different doctor repeats the procedure on the same day
GA	Waiver of Liability (ABN on File)	When a provider expects a denial and has an ABN signed

## Avoid Denials – Quick Tips

### Modifier 59

Use only when necessary—otherwise, use X modifiers (XE, XP, XS, XU).

### Modifier 25

Ensure documentation supports a separate E/M visit beyond the procedure.

### Modifier 50

Don't use for procedures already defined as bilateral in CPT codes.



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