



5 MODIFIERS

You Need for Chiropractic Billing

CPT modifiers are two-character alphanumeric codes that provide additional information about a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code

Why Modifiers Matter:

- Prevent claim rejections
- Ensure correct reimbursement
- Clarify unique aspects of chiropractic services
- Help avoid audits



Top 5 Chiropractic Modifiers

01

Modifier 59

Used to separate procedures performed on the same day.

02

Modifier 25

Used for evaluation and management services on the same day as a procedure

03

Modifier AT

Used to indicate medically necessary treatment for acute or chronic subluxation.

04

Modifier GA

Used when the patient is on maintenance care & Medicare won't cover the treatment.

05

Modifier GY

Applied to non-covered services like X-rays or tests, but not Chiropractic Adjustments.

Best Tips for Using Modifiers

01

Know When to Use Each Modifier

Use the correct modifier for each situation. For example, Modifier 25 is specifically for E/M services, while Modifier 59 is used for distinct, separate procedures.

02

Document Everything

Accurate and detailed documentation is key! Documentation must justify that the services are separate or distinct. Without clear documentation, your claim could be denied.

03

Use Subset Modifiers for Medicare

Medicare has specific subsets of Modifier 59 (like XE, XS, XP, and XU) that can be more precise than the original modifier.

04

Double-Check Modifier Combinations

Certain modifiers cannot be used together, so always check the payer's guidelines before submitting. For instance, Modifier GY should not be used with chiropractic manipulative codes.

05

Stay Up to Date on Payer Policies

Different insurers and Medicare have varying rules for which modifiers are required. Stay informed by reviewing payer policies regularly.

References and Sources

For more in-depth information on chiropractic billing and modifier usage, check out these sources and blogs:

[5 Modifiers That Are Necessary on Chiropractic Claims](#)

[Know the Top Chiropractic CPT Codes That Can Save Your Billing Time](#)

[The Ultimate 2024 ICD-10 Codes Cheat Sheet for Chiropractors](#)

[The Complete Guide to Chiropractic Billing](#)

[zHealth Chiropractic Billing Software](#)



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