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Modifier Codes For Duplicate Same-Day Services

Dear provider,

Accurate coding and reporting of services on medical claims submitted to the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) is critical in assuring proper payment to providers. Modifier codes play a vital role in this, as they are used to provide additional information necessary for processing claims.

For this reason, it is important to understand how and when to append modifiers to repeat or duplicate services on the same day. Clinical documentation should support the use of any modifier.

Modifier 76 should be used to report that a procedure or service was repeated subsequent to the original procedure or service by the same physician or qualified health care professional. *Note: The Modifier 76 is only applicable to code ranges 10021-69990, 70010-79999, 90281-99199, and 99500-99607.*

Modifier 77 should be used to report that a procedure or service was repeated subsequent to the original procedure or service by another physician or qualified health care professional. *Note: The Modifier 77 is only applicable to code ranges 10021-69990, 70010-79999, 90281-99199, and 99500-99607.*

Modifier 91 should be used for repeated clinical diagnostic laboratory tests. In the course of treatment of the patient, it may be necessary to repeat the same laboratory test on the same day to obtain subsequent (multiple) test results. Under these circumstances, the laboratory test performed can be identified by its usual procedure code and the addition of Modifier 91. *Note: Modifier 91 may not be used when tests are rerun to confirm initial results; due to testing problems with specimens or equipment; or any other reason when a normal, one-time reportable result is all that is required. This modifier may not be used when other codes(s) describe a series of test results (e.g., Glucose tolerance tests. Evocative/suppression testing). This modifier may only be used for laboratory test(s) performed more than once on the same day on the same patient.*

Learn more about modifiers at <https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Publications/masters-MTP/Part2/modifapp.pdf>. Direct questions to HPSM's Provider Services at PSInquiries@hpsm.org.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community,
The Health Plan of San Mateo

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