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Web Announcement 319

Modifier SG Inappropriate on ASC Surgical Claims

Effective for services on or after Jan. 1, 2008, modifier SG (to indicate ASC facility service) was no longer applicable for Medicare services. Due to this Medicare change, Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) providers should discontinue applying modifier SG on Nevada Medicaid ASC facility claims.

Currently, when an ASC provider bills a surgical code with modifier SG and the physician bills that same code for the surgery without the modifier, whichever claim is submitted first will pay and the claim submitted second will deny for edit code 1255 (same procedure, same day, different modifiers).

The issue regarding the first claim paying and the second claim denying when the ASC bills with modifier SG is being researched. Once a resolution is determined, providers will be notified if it becomes necessary to reprocess affected claims.

Please ensure that the ASC provider is no longer using modifier SG.