



Provider Notice: #0046

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**Subject: HIPAA Conversion of Local Modifiers
Effective 11/1/05**

In accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), effective for dates of service on or after 11/1/05, the following changes for local modifiers are in effect.

Local modifiers -YQ, -YS, -ZK, -ZU, and -ZV will be replaced with new national modifiers as indicated below.

Local Modifier

Replace with National Modifier

-YQ (Certified nurse midwife service)

-SB (Nurse midwife)

-YS (Nurse practitioner service)

-SA (Nurse practitioner with physician)

-ZK (Primary surgeon)

-AG (Primary surgeon)

-ZU (Exception modifier to 80% reimbursement [medical necessity: outpatient setting])

Two modifiers required:

-22 (Unusual procedural services) **and**
-SC (Medically necessary service/supply)
and

Facility Type Code 13 or 83 **or**

Facility Type Code 14 **plus** Frequency Code 1

-ZV (Exception modifier to 80% reimbursement [non-hospital compensated physician; emergency service])

Three modifiers required:

-22 (Unusual procedural services)
-SC (Medically necessary service/supp 22,
-ET (Emergency services)

Note: When billing for the exception to 80% reimbursement, modifier -22 must be the first modifier listed on both the *Treatment Authorization Request* and claim form in order for the claim to reimburse correctly.