



BlueCross BlueShield  
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# MEDICARE

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## Coding validation expansion: Medicare

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + Medicare<sup>SM</sup> (HMO-POS D-SNP) offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC).

Beginning with claims processing on or after September 26, 2024, Blue Cross NC will update our process for claims with modifiers used to bypass claim edits by conducting modifier reviews through a pre-payment clinical validation review process. Claims with modifiers -24, -25, -58, -59, -78, -79, XE, XP, XS, and XU will be part of this review process.

In accordance with published reimbursement policies that document proper usage and submission of modifiers, the clinical validation review process will evaluate the proper use of these modifiers in conjunction with the edits they are bypassing (such as National Correct Coding Initiative). Clinical analysts who are registered nurses and coders will review claims pended for validation, along with any related services, to determine whether it is appropriate for the modifier to bypass the edit.

If you believe a claim reimbursement decision should be reviewed, please follow the normal claims dispute process and include medical records that support the usage of the modifier applied when submitting claims for consideration.

<https://www.bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthy-blue-medicare>

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