



X- Modifier Utilization

The Louisiana Department of Health seeks to inform providers and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan that the following X- Modifiers may be utilized in place of modifier 59 to provide greater reporting specificity related to distinct services provided.

Modifier 59 remains a viable option, but we encourage providers to utilize the X modifiers when applicable. They more clearly define the reason for calling out the procedure as distinct, and may reduce post-processing requests for documentation to support Modifier 59.

XE	SEPARATE ENCOUNTER	A SERVICE THAT IS DISTINCT BECAUSE IT OCCURRED DURING A SEPARATE ENCOUNTER
XP	SEPARATE PRACTITIONER	A SERVICE THAT IS DISTINCT BECAUSE IT WAS PERFORMED BY A DIFFERENT PRACTITIONER
XS	SEPARATE ORGAN/STRUCTURE	A SERVICE THAT IS DISTINCT BECAUSE IT WAS PERFORMED ON A SEPARATE ORGAN/STRUCTURE
XU	UNUSUAL SEPARATE SERVICE	THE USE OF A SERVICE THAT IS DISTINCT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT OVERLAP USUAL COMPONENTS OF THE MAIN SERVICE

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