

Modifier 59 Policy Changes with ClaimsXten™

Effective July 1, 2014, the 59 modifier override will process according to NCCI guidelines for bypassing ClaimsXten (CXT) edits for claims processing using the CXT code editing software for converted member claims.

NCCI guidelines state, "Each NCCI edit has an assigned modifier indicator. A modifier indicator of '0' indicates that NCCI associated modifiers cannot be used to bypass the edit."

BCBSMT will continue to use CXT as the code pair default. NCCI edits (either Incidental or Mutually Exclusive) that are currently not part of the CXT database will not be added.

To help determine how coding combinations on a particular claim may be evaluated during the claims adjudication process, you may continue to use Clear Claim Connection™ (C3). C3 is a free, online reference tool that mirrors the logic behind BCBSMT's code auditing software. Refer to our website at bcbsmt.com/provider/ClaimsXten for additional information on gaining access to C3.

For claims processing using the iCES code editing software for non-converted member claims, continue to refer to the Modifier 59 Compensation Policy. Refer to the policy link for a list of code combinations BCBSMT allows 59 modifier to bypass an iCES edit.

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