

DME Modifiers and Codes

The vast range of regulations revolving a DME, along with the regional differences in Medicare coverage, has many reimbursement challenges for a DME. A complete knowledge of codes & modifiers used while **billing for DME services** will ensures an **error free claim submission, reducing rejection/denials issues**.

Understanding DME codes & their specific use for various equipment can assure complete reimbursement & reap more profits.

Top DME Codes

Ambulation Devices

Walker, rigid (pickup), adjustable or fixed height (limited to one every two years)



E0130



E0110

Crutches, forearm, includes crutches of various materials, adjustable or fixed, pair, complete with tips and hand grips (limited to one every two years)

Ankle-Foot Orthosis (AFO), spring wire, dorsiflexion assist calf band



L1900

Suction Equipment/Supplies



E0600

Suction pump, home model portable



A7001

Canister, disposable, used with suction pump (limited to 1 per year)

Top DME Codes

RR
Rental

UE
Purchase of used equipment

BP
Beneficiary has elected to purchase

NU
Purchase of new equipment

BR
Beneficiary has elected to rent

Know your Codes and Modifiers

Mentioning the appropriate HCPCS, procedure, maintenance and repair modifier codes, in this order is crucial for reimbursement. This indicates the service/equipment provided. Modifiers are alpha or numeric codes to elucidate the benefits when billed.

General

KX modifier- is used to indicate documentation to support necessity of the item and added only if all of the coverage criteria is met.

Common modifiers-

RR- Rental,
NU- Purchase of new equipment,
UE- Purchase of used equipment.

Rental

- ▶ Indicate beginning and ending dates of the rental period.
- ▶ Bill each 30 days of rental as one unit unless classified as a daily rental.
- ▶ Always include modifier code on rental claim forms.

Repairs/ Maintenance

- ▶ Bill repairs only on purchased items.
- ▶ Bill maintenance & repair modifier codes first after the procedure code.
- ▶ Bill the labor component of the repair under the appropriate repair code.

Understanding & following the regulations pertaining to codes & modifiers for apt reimbursement is going to lead to a successful DME practice.

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