

ICD-10-PCS FY2013 Version Final Addenda Patient Encounter Modifiers

ICD-10-CM Patient Encounter Modifiers are designed to allow for fee adjustments based on patient encounter circumstances which generally lead to higher costs in one of the 3 RVU components (work, practice expense, malpractice insurance). The following modifier codes may be added to claim forms and electronic documents to adjust the RVU to be paid for each procedure.

To avoid modifier duplication, the modifier should only be added to the highest RVU value procedure listed on the claim form. If more than one modifier applies to the patient encounter, list additional modifiers with each subsequent procedure code, one per code. If there are more applicable modifiers than procedure codes, you may list the remaining modifier codes in a comma separated list after the last code.

Medicare/CMS reserves the right to apply only the first modifier, but may pay on multiple modifiers if the situation warrants. To request payment on multiple modifiers, include a description of the patient encounter along with the claim documenting the circumstances and reasons for the application of multiple modifiers.

Following are Patient Encounter Modifiers that have been approved by the ICD-10-PCS Patient Encounter Modifier Committee as of 3/1/2013 grouped by category:

Category: Presentation/Disrobment Modifiers

The following Encounter modifiers apply to how the patient presents themselves at the encounter with the medical staff. Application of one or more of these modifiers must be attested to by at least 2 staff members.

Modifier	Description	RVU Adj	Approval Date
P01	Patient presented in an extremely uncoordinated outfit, possibly working from home for an excessive period of time, or whose fashion sense is severely impaired	1.05	11/1/2011
P02	Patient presented in clothing featuring an excessive amount of brand names and logos	1.07	11/1/2011
P03	Patient presented in shoes that were inappropriate for the weather or time of year (ex. flip-flops in the winter, snow boots in the summers, white shoes after labor day, etc.)	1.03	11/1/2011
P04	Patient presented wearing both a belt and suspenders	1.02	1/1/2012
P05	Patient presented wearing a t-shirt with a political slogan that was offensive to staff	1.10	1/1/2012
P06	Patient presented wearing jeans with excessive number of holes, or with excessive amount of decoration (ex. sequins, embroidery) in back pockets	1.08	1/1/2012
P07	Patient refused to disrobe when asked to by medical staff	1.12	9/1/2012
P08	Patient remained disrobed after being asked to re-robe by medical staff	1.20	9/1/2012
P09	Patient remained disrobed when discharged from medical facility (ex. said it was a "nice day for nudity")	1.15	9/1/2012

Category: Distracting/Inappropriate Action Modifiers

The following Encounter modifiers may be applied if the patient exhibits any of the following actions. Code the highest RVU adjustment value with the highest RVU value when filling out the claim form or electronic record.

Modifier	Description	RVU Adj	Approval Date
D01	Patient lectured provider or medical staff on the condition(s)/diseases patient thought they had - 10 minutes	1.05	10/1/2011
D02	Patient lectured provider or medical staff on the condition(s)/diseases patient thought they had - 20 minutes	1.10	10/1/2011
D03	Patient lectured provider or medical staff on the condition(s)/diseases patient thought they had - 30 minutes	1.15	10/1/2011
D04	Patient lectured provider or medical staff on the condition(s)/diseases s patient thought they had - 45 minutes	1.25	10/1/2011
D05	Patient lectured provider or medical staff on the condition(s)/diseases patient thought they had - 60 minutes	1.35	10/1/2011
D06	Patient relayed to provider or medical staff information about patients condition(s)/diseases where information was obtained on internet or from “-in-law” - 10 minutes	1.05	1/1/2012
D07	Patient relayed to provider or medical staff information about patients condition(s)/diseases where information was obtained on internet or from “-in-law” - 20 minutes	1.10	1/1/2012
D08	Patient relayed to provider or medical staff information about patients condition(s)/diseases where information was obtained on internet or from “-in-law” - 30 minutes	1.15	1/1/2012
D09	Patient relayed to provider or medical staff information about patients condition(s)/diseases where information was obtained on internet or from “-in-law” - 45 minutes	1.25	1/1/2012
D10	Patient relayed to provider or medical staff information about patients condition(s)/diseases where information was obtained on internet or from “-in-law” - 60 minutes	1.35	1/1/2012

*Note where time is involved choose the lower amount of time, ex. if patient took 12 minutes of staff's time, code as 10 minutes; if patient took 21 minutes of staff's time, code as 20 minutes, and so forth.

D11	Patient was engaged in social media during more than 10 minutes of the encounter - Tweeting (Twitter)	1.05	1/1/2012
D12	Patient was engaged in social media during more than 10 minutes of the encounter - Facebooking (Facebook, updating status, etc.)	1.08	1/1/2012
D13	Patient was engaged in social media during more than 10 minutes of the encounter - LinkingIn (LinkedIn, networking, etc.)	1.07	1/1/2012
D14	Patient was engaged in social media during more than 10 minutes of the encounter - Texting	1.10	1/1/2012
D15	Patient was engaged in social media during more than 10 minutes of the encounter - Talking on cell/mobile phone	1.15	1/1/2012
D16	Patient was engaged in social media during more than 10 minutes of the encounter - Playing interactive game on hand-held device with or without additional opponents being human (against human or computer)	1.21	7/1/2012
D17	Patient refused to cooperate with medical staff until staff “Friended” them on Facebook	1.25	10/1/2011

D18	Patient refused to cooperate with medical staff until staff “Accepted” them on LinkedIn	1.20	10/1/2011
D19	Patient refused to cooperate with medical staff until staff “+1ed” them through Google+	1.15	1/1/2012
D20	Patient refused to cooperate with medical staff until staff read patient's latest blog post	1.22	1/1/2012
D21	Patient insisted on adding radiology or other medical images to their Pinterest account before leaving medical facility	1.17	1/1/2013
D22	Patient insisted on a “group photo” of patient with treating medical staff for patient's Instagram or Flickr account	1.25	1/1/2013
D23	Same as D22 but medical facility had to sign an images rights wavier as well (code only D22 OR D23, not both)	1.35	1/1/2013
D24	Patient insisted on filming encounter for posting on Youtube	1.75	1/1/2013

Category: Forgotten Items Modifiers

Due to the near impossibility (and the fact that most offices just don't want to) the following RVU adjustments may be made if the office or office staff decides to keep items forgotten or left at the medical facility by the patient. If/when the patient returns looking for the item and if the item has been claimed by a staff member (or has become part of the office equipment) and the appropriate code has been submitted with the patient's claim, provide the patient with a copy of the claim containing one of the following modifiers as evidence of “beneficial exchange of goods.”

Modifier	Description	RVU Adj	Approval Date
F01	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) laptop computer, notebook computer, iPad, or other tablet device	0.50	10/1/2011
F02	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) iPhone, smart phone, or other cell/mobile phone	0.75	10/1/2011
F03	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) iPod, MP3 player, DVD player, compact disk player, cassette tape player or 8-track player, reel-to-reel player, super-8 film projector, overhead projector, etc.	0.85	10/1/2011
F04	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) articles of clothing (possibly related to modifier P08 or P09) - if in fashion	0.82	10/1/2011
F05	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) articles of clothing (possibly related to modifier P08 or P09) - if out of style	0.97	10/1/2011
F06	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) articles of clothing (possibly related to modifier P08 or P09) - if retro	0.90	1/1/2012
F07	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) wallet or purse containing \$0 - \$99 (sans any of the above items)	0.95	1/1/2012
F08	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) wallet or purse containing \$100 - \$499 (sans any of the above items)	0.85	1/1/2012
F09	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) wallet or purse containing \$500 - \$999 (sans any of the above items)	0.70	1/1/2012
F10	Patient forgot or left (whether intentionally or unintentionally) wallet or purse containing \$1000 (sans any of the above items)	0.45	1/1/2012

*Note Forgotten Items Modifiers serve to reduce the amount that the medical facility is reimbursed due to the gain in value from the item that was forgotten or left behind by the patient. Facilities will need to make arrangements with their staff for payment or reimbursement to the facility for lost medical reimbursement amounts due to the reduction performed by the RVU adjustment if the staff member chooses to retain the item for personal use.

Category: Miscellaneous Modifiers

This category includes miscellaneous Patient Encounter Modifiers. Note: if a particular modifier is later expanded into a series of similar modifiers it may be granted its own category which will necessitate a change in the modifier code.

Modifier	Description	RVU Adj	Approval Date
M01	Patient attempted to provide or suggest medical codes to the provider or staff member	1.17	10/1/2011
M02	Patient passed out at the sight of a needle prior to injection	1.14	10/1/2011
M03	Patient passed out following an injection, despite bragging that they could handle it	1.13	10/1/2011
M04	Patient removed own cast or orthotic device during the encounter	1.23	10/1/2011
M05	Patient attempted to stitch up their own wound during the encounter, causing further damage	1.18	10/1/2011
M06	Patient lectured provider or medical staff on how medicine should be practiced or paid for - 30 minutes or less	1.23	1/1/2012
M07	Patient lectured provider or medical staff on how medicine should be practiced or paid for - 31 minutes or more	1.46	1/1/2012

Example calculation of Patient Encounter Modifiers (PEMod)

One positive modifier applied:

Procedure X123456 RVU 10.0, PEmod: D01 (1.05) = 10.0 x 1.05 = 10.50 (PEMod adjusted RVU)

One “negative” modifier applied:

Procedure X123456 RVU 10.0, PEmod: F02 (0.75) = 10.0 x 0.75 = 7.50 (PEMod adjusted RVU)

Two positive modifiers applied:
(apply the LOWER EMod FIRST)

Procedure X123456 RVU 10.0, PEmod: D01 (1.05) = 10.0 x 1.05 = 10.50 (PEMod partially adjusted RVU)
PEmod: M02 (1.14) = 10.50 x 1.14 = 11.97 (PEMod fully adjusted RVU)

One positive modifier and one “negative” modifier applied:
(apply the “negative” modifier FIRST)

Procedure X123456 RVU 10.0, PEmod: F02 (0.75) = 10.0 x 0.75 = 7.50 (PEMod partially adjusted RVU)
PEmod: M02 (1.14) = 7.50 x 1.14 = 8.55 (PEMod fully adjusted RVU)

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