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**PROVIDER ALERT: Durable Medical Equipment -Tape
National Correct Coding Initiative**

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2025

As MedStar Family Choice continues its partnership with Payment Integrity partner, Advanced Medical Pricing Solutions (AMPS), we are expanding our prospective (pre-payment) reviews to include additional edits based on guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Coverage Policies and National Coverage Determinations (NCD).

Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies

Waterproof and non-waterproof tapes must be billed with modifiers AU, AV, and AW depending on the type of supplies used, such as urological, ostomy, tracheostomy, prosthetic, orthotic, or surgical dressings, otherwise, if the modifier is not included, the claim will be denied.

National Correct Coding Initiative

NCCI Manual Policy follows the principles of NCCI edits to access code pairs billed by the same provider on the same day, and for the same member. The NCCI Manual policy includes all combinations of correct coding edits which are not present in NCCI PTP column 1 and column 2 edits.

Modifiers that may be used under appropriate clinical circumstances to bypass NCCI PTP edit include:

- Anatomic modifiers: E1-E4, FA, F1-F9, TA, T1-T9, LT, RT, LC, LD, RC, LM, RI
- Global surgery modifiers: 24, 25, 57, 58, 78, 79
- Other modifiers: 27, 59, 91, XE, XS, XP, XU

When codes are submitted for the same date of service, for the same member, and by the same provider, then one of the codes may be denied as not separately reimbursable in accordance with correct coding principles.

For questions concerning this Provider Alert and the MFC DC Provider Manual, please contact the MedStar Family Choice DC Provider Customer Service Department, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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