
Attention Providers of Ophthalmology/Optometry Professional Services

Revisions have been made to Louisiana Medicaid's claims processing system that will now allow modifiers -24 (Unrelated evaluation and management service by the same physician during a postoperative period) and -25 (Significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician on the same day of the procedure or other service) to be applied to the procedure codes related to the general ophthalmological services for examination and evaluation of new and established patients. Providers are reminded that discovery of improper use of any modifier solely to circumvent valid claim editing to maximize reimbursement will subject the provider to administrative sanctions. Documentation in the recipient's record must clinically substantiate the use of the modifier in each instance.

Claims for these ophthalmological services (CPT procedure codes 92002, 92004, 92012, and 92014) that received denial error code 092 (Invalid or missing modifier) when either of these modifiers was present on the claim will be recycled, and therefore no action is required by the provider. This change is applicable to claims with dates of processing May 1, 2010 forward. Providers may see that some claims continue to deny for a different reason. The recycle is anticipated to occur on the remittance of September 20, 2011. Please contact Molina Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040 if there are questions related to this matter.