

GC MODIFIER FOR E/M SERVICES

Problem

What is the GC modifier and when do I use it?

Clarification

- Government payers (Medi-Cal and Medicare) require the GC modifier to be appended to E/M codes when a resident, under the direction of a teaching physician in an approved teaching program, is involved in the care of a patient.
- When the GC modifier is appended to an E/M code, the composite of the resident and teaching physician documentation constitute documentation for the service and together must support medical necessity.
 - Teaching physician documentation requirements are met with either a compliant attestation appended to the resident's documentation or a separate note by the teaching physician.

E/M Services Reported with GC Modifier

- Teaching physician and resident physician both personally perform and document all required elements of an E/M service
- Resident performs all required elements of an E/M service in the presence of, or jointly with, the teaching physician

E/M Services Not Reported with GC Modifier

- E/M services performed in conjunction with non-physician practitioners
- E/M services performed by non-physician practitioners
- E/M services performed solely by the teaching physician

E/M Charge Module Available

An *E&M Charges with TEACHING* charge module is available for KIDS. If your department has an approved teaching program and has not yet implemented this module, contact CHLAMGCompliance@chla.usc.edu.