

HCPCS Modifier That Will Affect Reimbursement for 2017

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has established a new HCPCS modifier that will affect reimbursement rates for the year 2017. The new HCPCS modifier is **FX**, which is added to X-ray CPT's indicating the X-ray was done using film.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (Section 502 (a)(1)) Medicare Payment Incentive for the Transition from Traditional X-Ray Imaging to Digital Radiography and Other Medicare Imaging Payment Provision amends the Social Security Act by reducing the payment amounts under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) by 20 percent for the technical component (and the technical component of the global fee) of imaging services that are X-rays taken using film.

Beginning January 1, 2017, claims for X-rays using film must include modifier **FX**. A payment reduction of 20 percent applies to the technical component (and the technical component of the global fee) for X-ray services furnished using film for which payment is made under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).