

FX and FY Modifiers

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CMS initially required the use of the FX modifier to indicate the use of plain film X-ray in 2017. **Effective January 1, 2018**, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require a new FY modifier for the technical component of computed radiography services. To implement this statutory provision, CMS created this new modifier, FY (X-ray taken using computed radiography technology/cassette-based imaging), to be appended to HCPCS codes for services that include X-rays taken using computed radiology. A list of applicable HCPCS codes is included in [Addendum B of the final rule](#).

Medicare payments for X-rays taken using computed radiography will be reduced by 7%, according to a policy CMS finalized in the 2018 OPPS final rule. This reduction is projected to last until 2023 and increase to 10 percent.

Modifier FY can be reported with codes that include other X-ray reduction modifiers, such as FX (X ray taken using film) but must be applied after the other reductions. The reductions have been introduced to spur providers to transition from traditional X-ray imaging to digital radiography.

Please let us know what type of machine you are using so we can ensure your claims are going out correctly.