

NEW POLICY UPDATES – MARCH 1, 2019: CLINICAL PAYMENT, CODING AND POLICY CHANGES

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. In an effort to keep our providers informed, please see the below chart of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning March 1, 2019:

Modifier 73

Modifier 73 is used to report discontinued outpatient hospital/ASC procedures prior to the administration of anesthesia. When modifier is reported, no additional bill for anesthesia services should be submitted.

Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT)

Image Guided Radiation Therapy is the process of frequent two-and three-dimensional imaging, during a course of radiation treatment, used to direct radiation therapy utilizing the imaging coordinates of the actual radiation treatment plan.

CMS has designated certain codes with a status indicator of N, indicating no additional payment will be made for codes that should be included in the comprehensive procedure.