

Remittance Advice Message

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Required Modifier Codes - 51 & 59

Dear South Dakota Medical Assistance Provider: "Important Message - Please Read"

When submitting CMS 1500 claim forms with multiple procedures performed during the same session, Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) [67:16:02:03.03](#) applies. Required modifier codes.

- 51 Multiple procedures: If multiple procedures are performed on the same day or at the same session, the major procedure or service must be reported as listed. The secondary, additional, or lesser procedure or service must be identified by adding the modifier "-51" to the secondary procedure or service code. This modifier must be used to report multiple medical procedures performed at the same session, as well as a combination of medical and surgical procedures or several surgical procedures performed at the same operative session.

- 59 Modifier is only used when the service was provided at a different operative session on the same date of service.

If you have questions, please call our Telephone Service Unit at 1-800-452-7691 or call 605-945-5006 and press 0 for operator assistance. For more information, please visit our web site at <http://dss.sd.gov>

Thank you,
Division of Medical Services