



IHCP COVID-19 Response: IHCP publishes CMS revisions to transportation modifiers

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently implemented expanded use of ambulance origin and destination modifiers in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is publishing the CMS revisions to the transportation modifiers (see Table 1). This change is effective immediately and will continue through the duration of the national public health emergency.

For more information about these CMS updates, refer to the Medicare Learning Network update [2020-04-07-MLNC-SE](#).



Table 1 – Transportation modifier description updates

Modifier	Current description	Revised description
D	Diagnostic or therapeutic site other than P or H when these are used as origin codes	Community mental health center, FQHC, RHC, urgent care facility, non-provider-based ASC or freestanding emergency center, location furnishing dialysis services and not affiliated with ESRD facility
E	Residential, domiciliary, custodial facility (other than 1819 facility)	Residential, domiciliary, custodial facility (other than 1819 facility) if the facility is the beneficiary's [member's] home
G	Hospital-based ESRD facility	No change
H	Hospital	[Hospital or] Alternative care site for hospital, including CAH, provider-based ASC, or freestanding emergency center
I	Site of transfer (e.g., airport or helicopter pad) between modes of ambulance transport	No change
J	Freestanding ESRD facility	No change
N	Skilled nursing facility	[Skilled nursing facility or] Alternative care site for SNF
P	Physician office	Physician's office
R	Residence	Beneficiary's [member's] home
S	Scene of accident or acute event	No change
X	Intermediate stop at physician's office on way to hospital (destination code only)	No change

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