

# PROVIDER Update



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## Submit Professional Anesthesia Encounters with MJ Qualifier

### Specific anesthesia procedure code modifiers must use the minute qualifier to prevent an edit

As of January 1, 2020, professional anesthesia capitated encounters billed with specific modifiers must use the minute qualifier, MJ. If you use the unit qualifier, UN, an edit will reject the encounter. The edit applies regardless of the date of service.

This update follows the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 5010 HIPAA 837 Companion Guide.

#### Use the MJ qualifier with these modifiers

- AA
- AD
- QK
- QS
- QX
- QY
- QZ

Modifiers, other than the ones listed, can process with the UN qualifier and not cause an edit.

#### Edit display message

If a professional encounter claim is sent with the above listed modifiers and the UN qualifier, the edit display will read: ANESTHESIA QUALIFIER IS INCORRECT.

You must resend a corrected capitated encounter with the MJ qualifier.

#### Additional information

Relevant sections of the provider operations manuals have been revised to reflect the information contained in this update as applicable. Provider operations manuals are available electronically in the Provider Library, located on the provider website at [provider.healthnet.com](http://provider.healthnet.com).

Providers are encouraged to access the provider portal online at [provider.healthnet.com](http://provider.healthnet.com) for real-time information, including eligibility verification, claims status, prior authorization status, plan summaries, and more.

If you have questions about this requirement, contact your TransUnion® representative. You can also email [enc\\_group@healthnet.com](mailto:enc_group@healthnet.com).

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