

KMAP GENERAL BULLETIN 18149

Update for Modifier 73

Effective with processing dates on and after July 6, 2018, modifier 73 no longer requires operative reports to be submitted with claims. Submit modifier 73 for ambulatory surgical center (ASC) facility charges when the surgical procedure is discontinued before anesthesia is administered. This modifier cannot be submitted by the operating surgeon. Only ASCs can submit this modifier. Surgeons can refer to modifier 53.

Modifier 73 is used by the facility to indicate a surgical or diagnostic procedure requiring anesthesia was terminated due to extenuating circumstances or to circumstances that threatened the well-being of the patient after the patient had been prepared for the procedure (including procedural premedication when provided) and taken to the room where the procedure was to be performed but prior to administration of anesthesia.

This modifier code was created so the costs incurred by the hospital to prepare the patient for the procedure and the resources expended in the procedure room and recovery room (if needed) can be recognized for payment even though the procedure was discontinued.

Documentation should clearly demonstrate the need to halt the procedure prior to the administration of anesthesia. On and after July 6, 2018, ASC claims processed with modifier 73 will be priced at 50% of the ASC rate.

Note: The effective date of the policy is July 6, 2018. The implementation of State policy by the KanCare managed care organizations (MCOs) may vary from the date noted in the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) bulletins. The **KanCare Open Claims Resolution Log** on the KMAP [Bulletins](#) page documents the MCO system status for policy implementation and any associated reprocessing completion dates, once the policy is implemented.

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