

ANESTHESIA MODIFIERS

The following list of modifiers are the only modifiers that should be used when submitting claims for anesthesia services for Medicaid (MSCAN):

- o AA – **AA definition:** Anesthesia services performed personally by the Anesthesiologist
- o GC – **GC definition:** This service has been performed in part by a Resident under the direction of a teaching physician
- o QX – **QX definition:** CRNA service with medical direction by a physician
- o QZ – **QZ definition:** CRNA service without medical direction by a physician

Billing the QX Modifier

- o To be consistent with correct coding standards for modifier QX, and that of the description for modifier QX – effective 01/01/2020 – Physicians will no longer be reimbursed for modifier QX, as this code is only valid for CRNAs.

The following list of modifiers are **NOT** allowed in Medicaid (MSCAN):

- o QK – **QK definition:** Medical direction of two, three or four concurrent anesthesia procedures involving qualified individuals
- o QY – **QY definition:** Medical direction of one Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist by an Anesthesiologist

