

Modifier TC fact sheet

What you need to know

Modifier TC is used when only the technical component (TC) of a procedure is being billed when certain services combine both the professional and technical portions in one procedure code.

- Use modifier TC when the physician performs the test but does not do the interpretation.
- The payment for the TC portion of a test includes the practice expense and the malpractice expense.
- TC procedures are institutional and cannot be billed separately by the physician when the patient is:
 - In a covered Part A stay in a skilled nursing facility (SNF) location
 - Inpatient
 - Outpatient
- This modifier must be reported in the first modifier field.

Appropriate use:

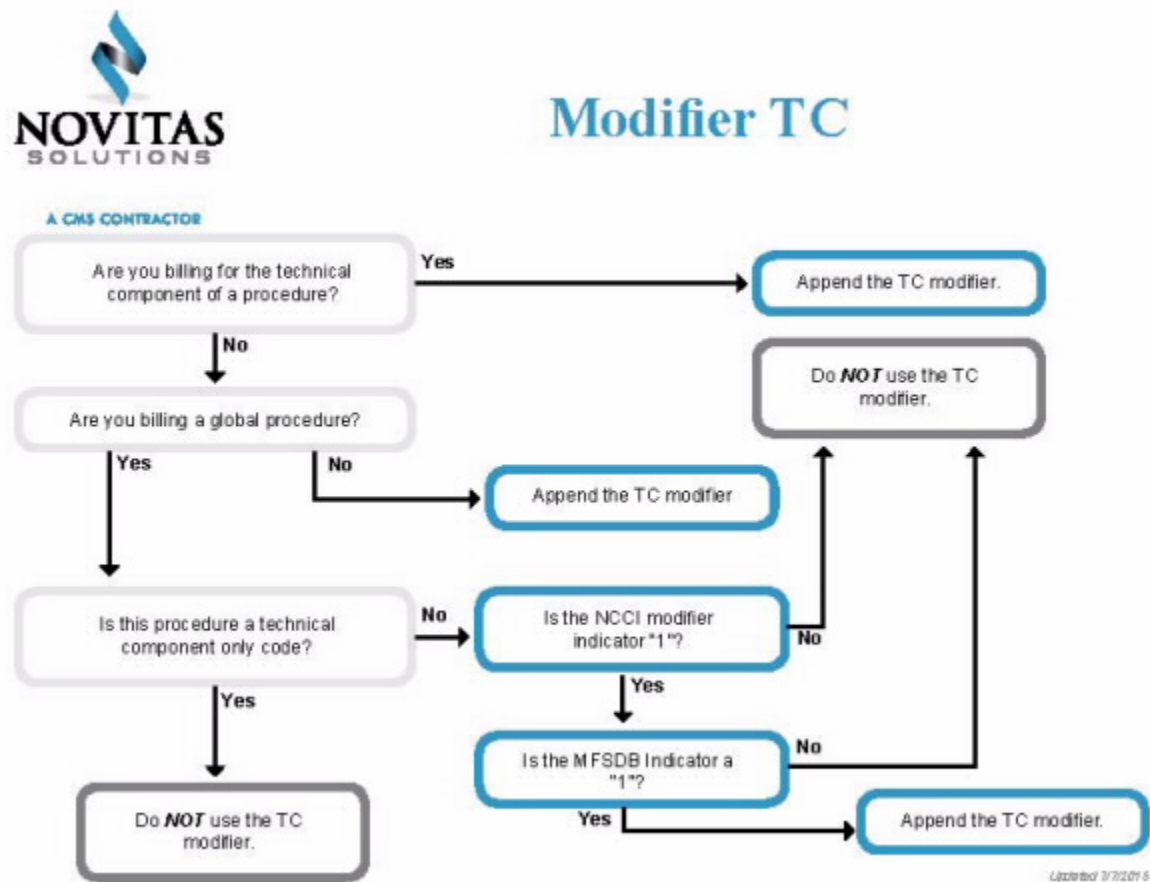
- Add modifier TC to:
 - Bill for only the TC of a test
 - Procedures that have a "1" in the professional component (PC)TC field on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)
 - Procedures falling into the following types of service:
 - * 1 - Medical care/injections
 - * 2 - Surgery
 - * 4 - Radiology
 - * 5 - Lab
 - * 6 - Radiation therapy
 - * 8 - Assistant surgeon
 - When billing both the PC and TC components of a procedure, and the TC was purchased from an outside entity:
 - * The provider bills the PC on one line of service and the TC on a separate line.

Inappropriate use:

- Do not add modifier TC:

- o To submit separately when one physician performs both the professional and technical components on the same day.
- o When adding it to:
 - * Professional component only procedure codes identified on the MPFSDB by a "2" in the PC/TC column
 - * Global test only procedure codes identified on the MPFSDB by a "4" in the PC/TC column
 - * Technical component only procedure codes identified on the MPFSDB by a "3" in the PC/TC column
- o To add TC and 26 modifiers to a procedure code.

Example



References

- [CMS IOM Pub. 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 13, section 20.2](#)
- [MM6731 - Revised and Clarified Place of Service \(POS\) Coding Instructions](#)
- [Modifier 26 fact sheet](#)