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Reminder: New modifiers for homemaker waiver code S5130

The Bureau of Waiver Operations Management (BWOM) is implementing two new modifiers under the HCBS waiver code S5130, homemaker service. These modifiers will be required for claims received on and after **October 1, 2026**, for the two scenarios below, regardless of date of service.

Modifier XE	To designate when a homemaker provider needs to bill twice on the same date of service for the same customer. Modifier XE should be appended to the second claim to show that a subsequent visit was completed.
Modifier TF	Required for homemaker providers that receive the enhanced S5130 rate for offering insurance to their employees. HFS supplies the list of homemaker agencies that meet this requirement to the MCOs.
NOTE: The TF modifier and XE modifier can be billed together, in any order, if a homemaker provider meets the criteria for both modifiers.	

Frequently asked questions and answers.

- Are there any scenarios where XE or TF should not be submitted?
Yes. The in-home/homemaker service (procedure code S5130) is billed often without a modifier. The only times the modifiers are submitted are when these 2 scenarios occur: when a provider bills twice on the same date of service for the same customer (XE modifier) and when a provider agency is approved to receive an enhanced insurance rate (TF modifier).
- Should XE be on every visit after the first visit on the same DOS?
Yes.
- Does the modifier belong only on the second claim line, or on all subsequent visits?
The modifier belongs on all subsequent visits on that day.
- Are homemaker provider agencies who qualify to receive the higher rate required to bill modifier TF?
Yes.

If you need assistance, or have questions, please contact your [Provider Relations Representative](#) or email us at ABHILProviderRelations@AETNA.com.