

## Resource Tool: Sequencing Multiple Modifiers

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*The intent of this memo is to provide guidance when sequencing multiple modifiers.*

**Order of Reporting:** The modifier that mostly directly changes or modifies the CPT code should always be placed in the primary position.

Order	Type of Modifier	Examples (including, but not limited to)
1	Pricing	22, 50, 52, 53, 62, 80, 82
2	Payment Eligible*	24, 25, 51, 57, 58, 59, 78, 79
3	Location	E1-E4, FA, F1-F9, LC, LD, LT, RC, RT, TA, T1-T9

\*Presence communicates special situation that might otherwise not be paid without the modifier based on billing/coding principles and global surgery guidelines.

**Note:**

- Report pricing modifiers before payment modifiers and location modifiers EXCEPT when the concept of global surgery package is involved, then report payment modifiers before pricing.
  - Example: Unplanned return to the operating room (modifier 78) and two surgeons (modifier 62)
- Report payment eligible modifiers before location modifiers
- Location modifiers are always last

**References:**

American Society of Plastic Surgeons. (2017, July). *Sequencing Multiple Modifiers*. Presented at: Chicago, IL.

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