



# NETWORK *Notification*

**Notice Date:** October 28, 2022  
**To:** CareSource Georgia Medicaid Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** Billing Update: Incorrect Billing of Modifier 58 Notification  
**Effective Date:** May 31, 2022

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## Summary

Consistent with CMS, CareSource considers a complication from surgery to be an unplanned event and requires that the procedure to resolve the complication be billed with modifier 78 (Unplanned return to the operating or procedure room) when the complication occurs during the postoperative period of another procedure. CareSource will monitor procedures billed with modifier 58 (Staged or related procedure) when indicated to treat a postoperative complication.

CareSource will not be implementing any claims payment edits at this time as the goal is to promote awareness and provide education to those impacted by this clarification. CareSource will continue to monitor the incorrect use of this modifier and, in the event that there is not improvement, will execute a new claims payment edit in 6 months from the date of this posting.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to your Health Partner representative.

Sources: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Internet-Only-Manuals-IOMs-Items/CMS018912>