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## IHCP updates transportation modifiers to pre-PHE descriptions

Retroactive for dates of service (DOS) on or after **May 31, 2023**, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is reverting transportation modifier descriptions back to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) previously implemented descriptions for ambulance origin and destination modifiers. The temporarily expanded use of these modifiers, announced in *IHCP Bulletin BT202067*, was in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE). Because PHE flexibilities for this temporary change have concluded, it is now appropriate to revert to the previously released CMS descriptions. For additional information please see the [Ambulance Modifiers](#) page at novitas-solutions.com.



Updates will be made to *Procedure Code Modifiers for Professional Claims*, accessible from the *Code Sets* page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](https://in.gov/medicaid/providers).

*Table 1 – Transportation origin and destination modifiers with restored descriptions, effective for DOS on or after May 31, 2023*

Modifier	Previous (Temporarily Expanded) Description	Current (Restored) Description
D	Community mental health center, FQHC, RHC urgent care facility, non-provider-based ASC or freestanding emergency center, location furnishing dialysis services and not affiliated with ESRD facility	Diagnostic or therapeutic site other than P [physician's office] or H [hospital] when these are used as origin codes
E	Residential, domiciliary, custodial facility (other than 1819 facility) if the facility is the beneficiary's [member's] home	Residential, domiciliary, custodial facility (other than 1819 facility)
G	No change	Hospital based ESRD facility
H	[Hospital or] Alternative care site for hospital, including CAH, provider-based ASC, or freestanding emergency center	Hospital
I	No change	Site of transfer (e.g. airport or helicopter pad) between modes of ambulance transport
J	No change	Freestanding ESRD facility
N	[Skilled nursing facility or] Alternative care site for SNF	Skilled nursing facility
P	No change	Physician's office
R	Beneficiary's [member's] home	Residence
S	No change	Scene of accident or acute event
X	No change	Intermediate stop at physician's office on way to hospital (This is a destination code only)

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