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Dear Optum360 2022 *Current Procedural Coding* Customer:

The American Medical Association (AMA) has issued the following updates. Additional information on these codes can be found at <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt>.

Included below are the changes that can be marked in your book. Our customer service team is available to answer any questions at 1.800.464.3649, option 1.

Thank you for your patience and support of our ongoing efforts to deliver high-quality products. We value you as an Optum360 customer.

Sincerely,

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The following modifier is effective **January 1, 2022**:

**New modifier:**

93 Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered Via Telephone or Other Real-Time Interactive Audio-Only Telecommunications System

In addition, the annual CPT files contained information indicating a change to the following modifiers. We have confirmed with the AMA that no changes should have been made, and we have restored the descriptors as listed below:

XE Separate encounter, a service that is distinct because it occurred during a separate encounter

XP Separate practitioner, a service that is distinct because it was performed by a different practitioner

XS Separate structure, a service that is distinct because it was performed on a separate organ/structure

XU Unusual non-overlapping service, the use of a service that is distinct because it does not overlap usual components of the main service