

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Hospital Billing: Use -TC and -26 Modifiers

In a freestanding sleep clinic, **Charlotte Ware** says, a physician practice should bill for the sleep study using the appropriate CPT code without any modifier. But in a hospital setting, you should bill for sleep studies using modifier -TC to indicate the technical component and the -26 modifier to indicate the professional component, or the physician interpretation of the study. But many in-hospital sleep clinics are still treated as freestanding, says **Michael Frye**, a physician with Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.