

## Modifier Coding Alert

### You Be the Coder: Get to Know Modifier JW

**Question:** Can we bill for pump medications that were ordered and not used due to the patient changing providers? If so, would we append the JW modifier?

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**Answer:** No, you cannot bill for this because you ordered the drug but never used it for the patient.

Modifier JW (Drug amount discarded/not administered to any patient) applies when you have a drug surplus that is discarded by a healthcare professional.