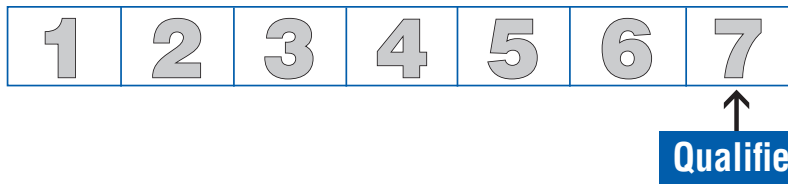


# Character 7: Qualifier

**In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding Professionals for ICD-10, the following is provided with an educational intent.**

**The seventh character (qualifier) defines a qualifier for the procedure code. A qualifier provides specificity regarding an additional attribute of the procedure, if applicable.**



**Qualifiers can be used to:**

- 1.) *Specify when more than one tissue layer was used in the transfer procedure.***
- 2.) *Specify whether a vertebral joint fusion uses an anterior or posterior approach.***
- 3.) *Specify the destination site in a bypass operation.***
- 4.) *Specify whether a cochlear prosthesis is single- or multiple-channel.***
- 5.) *Identify extraction procedures that are biopsies.***