

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan, BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan, Medicaid

To: School-Based Services Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Therapy Service Modifiers to Be Used by School-Based Services Providers

This *ForwardHealth Update* announces a new service modifier to be used by school-based services providers for speech and language pathology services, as well as new policy requiring the use of service modifiers for physical therapy evaluations and occupational therapy evaluations.

New Service Modifier for Speech and Language Pathology Services

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after May 1, 2012, all claims and claim adjustments submitted by school-based services (SBS) providers for speech and language pathology (SLP) services rendered by an SLP provider *must* include the new service modifier GN (Services delivered under an outpatient speech language pathology plan of care) in conjunction with SLP procedure code 92506, 92507, or 92508.

Claims and claim adjustments submitted by SBS providers for SLP services rendered by an SLP provider that do not include the modifier GN will be denied.

Note: SLP providers include licensed speech and language pathologists, SLP provider assistants, and SLP students.

Service Modifiers Required for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Evaluations

Effective for DOS on and after May 1, 2012, all claims and claim adjustments submitted by SBS providers for physical

therapy (PT) evaluations (procedure code 97001) and occupational therapy (OT) evaluations (procedure code 97003) rendered by a PT provider or an OT provider *must* include the appropriate service modifier:

- GP (Services delivered under an outpatient physical therapy plan of care).
- GO (Services delivered under an outpatient occupational therapy plan of care).

Claims and claim adjustments submitted by SBS providers for PT or OT evaluations rendered by a PT or OT provider that do not include the applicable GP or GO modifier will be denied.

Note: Physical therapy providers include licensed physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, PT aides, and PT students. Occupational therapy providers include licensed occupational therapists, certified OT assistants, and OT students.

Scope of Practice

Providers are reminded that any services they provide must be within the scope of practice of their profession and must comply with the regulations as specified by the certifying agency of their profession, as well as any additional regulatory limits of their license and certification.

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