

Individual behavioral health provider billing guidelines

Summary: The use of required practitioner-level modifiers is important to ensure that services are being rendered by providers with the appropriate licensure to deliver those services. Amerigroup Community Care requires that providers use the appropriate modifier according to their specific licensure, as outlined in the table below.

What this means to me:

- Providers should bill with the required practitioner-level modifier for their licensure as listed below — excluding psychiatrists.
- All services billed should include the practitioner-level modifier.
- Any services billed without the required practitioner-level modifier will be denied.

Modifier	Description
No modifier	Psychiatrist M.D.
SA	Nurse practitioner, physician assistant
HP	Psychologist Ph.D. or Psy.D.
HO	Licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical social Worker, licensed marriage and family therapist

Why is this important?

Failure to use the required practitioner-level modifier could result in claims denials. Use of these modifiers ensures services are only provided by practitioners with the appropriate licensure.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.