

Provider Update

Important update to Georgia Families 360° Trauma Assessment claims payment coding

Summary of change:

Effective July 1, 2016, all providers who complete an initial Trauma Assessment on newly enrolling or re-enrolling Georgia Families 360° (GF 360) members entering foster care should begin to use the modifier TJ in addition to the H0031. The procedure should be submitted on the claim as H0031TJ or H0031+provider descriptor (U3, U4 etc.) + TJ.

This change applies only to foster care members newly enrolling or re-enrolling in the Georgia Families 360° program.

What is the impact of this change?

For dates of service (DOS) on and after July 1, 2016, providers should code all **initial** Trauma Assessment examinations for newly enrolling or re-enrolling GF 360° foster care members with the following code and modifier: H0031 + provider descriptor (U3, U4 etc.) + TJ. The procedure code and modifier should not be used for the standard Behavioral Health Assessment that is performed on members.

This new modifier should only be used when billing for the initial Trauma Assessment that is completed within 15 calendar days of a newly enrolling or re-enrolling GF 360° member into foster care. There is no change in the individual provider contracted reimbursement rate based on this coding change.

Please see the GF 360° Provider Incentive Program provider alert for additional details regarding the incentive program.

This modifier change will not impact the number of units allowed for the H0031 code. Providers are allowed to bill for up to 8 units per day for the H0031 code. Only the actual number of units used to complete the assessment should be billed.

What this means to you:

If providers do not submit claims using the correct procedure code (H0031) with the modifier (TJ) then they will not be eligible to participate in the Amerigroup incentive program. Incorrect coding impedes the accurate reporting of specific clinical services.

Please review Amerigroup Provider Alert GAPEC-000-14 Trauma Assessment for additional information on completing the Trauma Assessment on members entering care with GF 360°.

If you have any questions, please contact your provider services representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.